



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Stopping and Parking Regulations on Bernadine Street at St. Victor Catholic School

<b>Date:</b>	August 18, 2009
<b>To:</b>	Scarborough Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Acting Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 38 – Scarborough Centre
<b>Reference Number:</b>	P:\2009\Cluster B\TRA\Scarborough\sc09052 D08-2853278 Bernadine Street Parking Changes

#### SUMMARY

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This staff report is about a matter for which the Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

This report on Bernadine Street details the minor on-street stopping and parking regulation changes required to enhance both traffic safety and flow in front of St. Victor Catholic School. The “school side” parking and “opposite side” no stopping regulations outlined in this report are consistent with those found at many other school zones in the Scarborough District.

Community Council’s approval of the stopping and parking regulations will enhance traffic safety at this location and allow enforcement by the Toronto Police Service.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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**Transportation Services, Scarborough District, recommends that Scarborough Community Council:**

1. Rescind the stopping regulations on Bernadine Street, as identified in Appendix 1 of this report.
2. Adopt the stopping and parking regulations on Bernadine Street, as identified in Appendix 2 of this report.
3. Amend the appropriate by-law(s) accordingly.

## **Financial Impact**

The financial cost of installing the parking controls recommended in this report is approximately \$2,000.00. The funding for these controls is available in the Transportation Services 2009 Operating Budget, within Cost Centre TP0397.

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Further to a request from the Ward Councillor regarding traffic safety concerns on Bernadine Street, Transportation Services staff reviewed the feasibility of altering the parking along this street to “school side” parking, and “opposite side” no stopping regulations. Subsequently, the Councillor’s office consulted with the affected neighbours and a consensus was reached in support of these parking regulations.

## **COMMENTS**

The following characteristics describe Bernadine Street:

- This road is located south of Ellesmere Road on the east side of Brimley Road.
- Bernadine Street is a two-lane, local roadway, this roadway has a posted speed limit of 40 km/h, the approximate daily traffic volume of 1,400 vehicles per day.
- This road has a pavement width of 8.5 metres with sidewalks on both sides.
- Consultation with area residents and school officials revealed support for the proposed parking regulation.
- The school bus loading zone located on the north side of Bernadine Street is still required and will remain in its existing location.

## **Parking Observations**

Transportation Services staff conducted an on-street parking study during a typical weekday at peak school activity times. As a result, it was determined that parking regulations were required to encourage school side parking.

The vehicular volumes on Bernadine Street near the school were relatively light and pedestrian crossings were made comfortably between large gaps in vehicular traffic. Providing school destined traffic an area to stop on the school side of this street will help to minimize random mid-block crossings of pedestrians, increase sight lines and would conform to the majority of parking regulations in front of other schools in the Scarborough District.

A review of the reported Toronto Police Service collision records on Bernadine Street in the area of St. Victor Catholic School reveals that during the past five years, from January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2008, there have been no reported pedestrian collisions.

There is currently a north side “No Stopping” zone along Bernadine Street, between Brimley Road and 204 metres east. This zone will be adjusted to be consistent with the new strategy school side “30 minute parking only” and will run along the frontage of the school property and opposite side “No Stopping” 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday except July, August and Public Holidays. However, the existing “School Bus Loading Zone” will remain in its existing location on the north side adjacent to the school building (west section).

In summary, these stopping and parking regulations will make this school zone on Bernadine Street consistent with the traffic environment of many school areas, will reduce pedestrian mid-block crossings and will help to maintain sightlines for all road users at this location.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Appendix 1 – By-law Amendment (rescind)
2. Appendix 2 – By-law Amendment (enact)
3. Location Plan (Parking Regulations – Bernadine Street)

## Appendix 1

### “No Stopping” Regulation to be Rescinded

(In Column 1) Highway	(In Column 2) Side	(In Column 3) From	To	(In Column 4) Times or Days
Bernadine Street	North	Brimley Road	204.35 metres east of Brimley Road	7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday

## Appendix 2

### “No Stopping” Regulation to be Enacted

(In Column 1) Highway	(In Column 2) Side	(In Column 3) From	To	(In Column 4) Times or Days
Bernadine Street	South	Brimley Road	204 metres east of Brimley Road	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday except July, August and Public Holidays

### “Parking for Restricted Periods” Regulation to be Enacted

(In Column 1) Highway	(In Column 2) Side	(In Column 3) From	To	(In Column 4) Times or Days	(In Column 5) Maximum Period Permit
Bernadine Street	North	Brimley Road	107.6 metres east of Brimley Road	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday	30 Minutes
Bernadine Street	North	152.6 metres east of Brimley Road	204 metres east of Brimley Road	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday	30 Minutes