



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Proposed Expansion of the School Bus Loading Zone on Stamford Square (South Leg) Servicing the School that fronts onto 3176 St. Clair Avenue East

Date:	October 21, 2009
To:	Scarborough Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District
Wards:	Ward 35 – Scarborough Southwest
Reference Number:	P:\2009\Cluster B\TRA\Scarborough\sc09075 D09-3273813 Stamford Square School Bus Loading Zone

SUMMARY

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 responds to a concern about the need to expand the existing School Bus Loading Zone on Stamford Square. Transportation staff has confirmed the need for this expansion in order to facilitate safe and efficient drop-off and pick-up of young students within a designated School Bus Loading Zone servicing the school fronting onto 3176 St. Clair Avenue East.

It is recommended that Transportation Services extend the School Bus Loading Zone regulation on the south side of Stamford Square to the east by 25 metres.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Rescind the parking regulations, as identified in Appendix 1 of this report.
2. Enact the parking regulations, as identified in Appendix 2 of this report.
3. Amend the appropriate by-law(s) accordingly.

Financial Impact

The cost of installing this School Bus Loading Zone signage is approximately \$250.00. Funding for the signs is available in the Transportation Services 2009 Operating Budget, within Cost Centre TP0397.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Further to a concern raised by Councillor Adrian Heaps about the insufficient length of the School Bus Loading Zone on Stamford Square, Transportation Services staff reviewed the regulations on this roadway. Specifically, the Councillor expressed concerns about the lack of facilities for drop-off and pick-up of young school children being bussed to school.

Permissive parking, no stopping, school bus loading zones and no parking regulations in the City of Toronto are recommended and adopted by Council on an “as needed basis”.

COMMENTS

Several characteristics describing the subject portion of Stamford Square include:

- The land use on the north side of Stamford Square is single family homes; a portion of the south side is the rear of a school that fronts 3176 St. Clair Avenue East.
- Stamford Square is a two-lane east-west local roadway approximately 8.5 metres in width.
- The proposed extension will be adjacent the school yard and have little to no impact on the area residents.

The proposed extension of the School Bus Loading Zone on the south side of Stamford Square (south leg) will have a minimal impact on local residents, and will enhance traffic operations by facilitating drop-off and pick-up of school children being bussed to school.

Stamford Square is classified as a local roadway in the City's approved Road Classification System; as such, the authority to implement the proposed school bus loading zone extension has been delegated to Scarborough Community Council.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Appendix 1 - By-law Amendment (Resind)
2. Appendix 2 – By-law Amendment (Enact)
3. Location Plan – Proposed Extended "School Bus Loading Zone" Stamford Square(South Leg) Servicing Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School, 3176 St. Clair Avenue East

Appendix 1

“School Bus Loading Zones” Regulation to be Rescind

(In Column 1) Highway/School	(In Column 2) Side	(In Column 3) From	(In Column 4) To
Stamford Square (south Leg) Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School	South	226 m east of Victoria Park Avenue	60 m further east

Appendix 2

“School Bus Loading Zones” Regulation to be Enacted

(In Column 1) Highway	(In Column 2) Side	(In Column 3) From	(In Column 4) To
Stamford Square (south Leg) Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School	South	226 m east of Victoria Park Avenue	85 m further east