



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Student Pick-Up/Drop-Off Zone – Ossington Avenue

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York
Wards:	Trinity-Spadina, Ward 19
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SUMMARY

Transportation Services is seeking City Council authority to amend the parking regulations (as outlined in Appendix “A” and “B”, attached to this report), for the student pick-up/drop-off zone on the west side of Ossington Avenue, fronting Ossington Old Orchard Junior Public School, located at No. 380.

Extending the student pick-up/drop-off zone on the west side of Ossington Avenue will result in an additional 5 parking spaces for parents picking-up or dropping-off their children at Ossington Old Orchard Junior Public School. In addition, amending the hours of operation to include the noon and evening periods of the day will provide short-term parking opportunities for parents/guardians to accompany children to and from this school.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that City Council:

1. Rescind the parking regulations on the west side of Ossington Avenue outlined in Appendix “A”, attached to this report,.
2. Approve implementation of the parking regulations on the west side of Ossington Avenue outlined in Appendix “B”, as attached to this report to amend the hours of operation and extend the existing student pick-up/drop-off zone serving Ossington Old Orchard Junior Public School.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division Interim 2009 Operating Budget	\$500.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At the request of Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone on behalf of Ossington Old Orchard Junior Public School, Transportation Services has investigated amending the hours of operation and extending the length of an existing student pick-up/drop-off area in front of the school to provide additional opportunity for parents to park and pick-up/drop-off children at peak arrival and dismissal times.

COMMENTS

Existing Conditions

Ossington Old Orchard Junior Public School (No. 380 Ossington Avenue) is located on the west side of Ossington Avenue, between Churchill Avenue and Shannon Street. This section of Ossington Avenue is classified as a minor arterial roadway, operating two-way (northbound and southbound) on a pavement width of 12.8 metres. The posted speed limit is 40 km/h. The Toronto Transit Commission operates the “63-Ossington” bus service on this street.

Parking on the west side of Ossington Avenue, from Churchill Avenue to Shannon Street is regulated as follows:

- Parking is prohibited from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays, from Shannon Street to a point 70 metres south and from a point 128 metres south of Shannon Street to Churchill Avenue;
- Parking is allowed for a maximum period of 15 minutes, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, from a point 70 metres south of Shannon Street to a point 58 metres further south; and
- Parking is prohibited, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., from a point 45.7 metres south of Shannon Street to a point 82.3 metres further south.

Investigation

Ossington Old Orchard Junior Public School has a student population that comes from all over the City of Toronto. This creates a high demand for short duration parking spaces where parents/guardians may stop or park while picking up/dropping off of students. The existing “Student Pick-up/Drop-off Area”, from a point 70 metres south of Shannon Street to a point 58 metres further south allows 15-minute maximum parking for about 10 vehicles during the morning arrival time. Parking is elsewhere prohibited from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on the west side of Ossington Avenue.

In spite of the above provision, Transportation Services staff has been advised and has confirmed from a site investigation that the current “Student Pick-up/Drop-off Area” is not sufficiently large enough to accommodate parking demand. Also, the current parking regulations on the west side of Ossington Avenue in proximity to the school do not provide the same parking opportunities during the lunchtime and afternoon dismissal times.

Resolution

To better accommodate parking demand, staff recommend:

- extending the delineated “Student Pick-up and Drop-off Area” on the west side of Ossington Avenue, currently from a point 70 metres south of Shannon Street to a point 58 metres further south, to apply from a point 36 metres south of Shannon Street to a point 83.3 metres further south; and
- restricting parking to a maximum period of 15 minutes, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday in the “Student Pick-up and Drop-off Area”.

This will provide an additional 5 short-term parking spaces and allow parking during the lunchtime and afternoon dismissal times.

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