



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

School Zone – Withrow Avenue

Date:	February 17, 2009
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Toronto-Danforth, Ward 30
Reference Number:	Ts09024te.top.doc

SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is requesting approval to make a minor change to the existing parking regulations on the south side of Withrow Avenue, opposite Withrow Avenue Public School, to allow parking within the student pick-up and drop-off zone on public holidays and during the months of July and August.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Adjust the 10 minute maximum parking regulation on the south side of Withrow Avenue between a point 395 metres west of Logan Avenue and a point 65 metres further west thereof, to operate from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays, from September 1 of one year through June 30 of the next following year, inclusive.
2. Adjust the parking prohibition on the south side of Withrow Avenue, between a point 395 metres west of Logan Avenue and a point 65 metres further west thereof, to operate from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays, from September 1 of one year through June 30 of the next following year, inclusive.

Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services 2009 Interim Operating Budget	\$400.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

In response to a request by a local resident to allow parking in the student pick-up and drop-off zone on days when school is not in session, Councillor Paula Fletcher requested Transportation Services to investigate measures to address this concern.

COMMENTS

Withrow Avenue, between Broadview Avenue and Logan Avenue, is a local road operating one-way westbound with a pavement width of 6.4 metres. Withrow Avenue Public School is located on the north side of the street and a student pick-up and drop-off zone is located opposite the school on the south side of the street fronting Premises Nos. 7 to 21 Withrow Avenue. The parking regulations on Withrow Avenue, between Broadview Avenue and Logan Avenue, are as follows:

North side

- stopping is prohibited between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday from a point 285 metres west of Logan Avenue to a point 186 metres further west (fronting the school);
- parking is otherwise prohibited at all times;

South side

- within the student pick-up and drop-off zone, located between a point 395 metres west of Logan Avenue and a point 65 metres further west, parking is allowed for a maximum period of 10 minutes between 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday;
- parking is prohibited within the student pick-up drop-off zone between 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., and between 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday; and
- parking is otherwise allowed for a maximum period of three hours, outside of the hours of permit parking operation between 12:01 a.m. and 7:00 a.m., daily.

The TTC does not operate transit service on Withrow Avenue.

The student pick-up and drop-off zone parking regulations are in force Monday to Friday throughout the entire year. Traditionally most public schools are not in session during summer break (July and August), March break, winter break (between Christmas and New Years) and on public holidays.

It is feasible to amend the current student pick-up and drop-off parking regulations to provide an exemption to allow parking in the zone during the months of July and August, and on public holidays.

Allowing parking within the student pick-up and drop-off zone during March break, winter break, or other times that the school is not in session, such as professional development days, would be problematic. These holidays do not occur on an annual basis on specific dates and vary between schools. Implementing a by-law to create an exemption would not be reasonable. Further, the wording that would be needed on the required regulatory signage would be lengthy and confusing to most motorists.

The Principal of Withrow Avenue Public School has been consulted and has no objection to the proposed amendment to the operating times of the student pick-up and drop-off zone.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

(1) Drawing No. 421F-9550, dated January 2009

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