



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

**School Bus Loading Zone Removal – Shaw Street,
South of Dewson Street**

Date:	March 24, 2009
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Trinity-Spadina, Ward 19
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SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services has been requested by Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone to remove the School Bus Loading Zone on the west side of Shaw Street, south of Dewson Street. It is no longer in use as St. Davids School has been closed for several years.

The removal of the School Bus Loading Zone will provide an additional eight parking spaces on this section of Shaw Street during the weekday periods.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Rescind the “School Bus Loading Zone” on the west side of Shaw Street, between Dewson Street and a point approximately 73 further south.

Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services 2009 Operating Budget	\$200.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services was requested by Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone to investigate and report on the removal of the School Bus Loading Zone on the west side of Shaw Street, south of Dewson Street.

COMMENTS

Shaw Street, between Dewson Street and College Street, is a collector roadway that operates one-way in the southbound direction. It has a daily one-way traffic volume of approximately 2,000 vehicles and a speed limit of 30 km/h, as there are speed humps in place. There is alternate side permit parking in effect on Shaw Street, between the hours of 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., daily. There is no TTC route on Shaw Street.

The School Bus Loading Zone (SBLZ) has been by-lawed on the west side of Shaw Street, between Dewson Street and a point 73 metres further south with a signed parking prohibition between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Residents parking overnight in the SBLZ must leave by 8:00 a.m. on weekdays or risk being ticketed.

The SBLZ was originally installed for St. Davids School (No. 486 Shaw Street), which occupies the block surrounded by Roxton Road, Dewson Street and Shaw Street. The school no longer has regular classes, but is still being used by the Toronto Catholic District School Board, with some older students in alternative programs as well as childcare.

The Toronto Catholic District School Board was contacted regarding the existing and future use of this property, as well as the associated SBLZ. It was confirmed that the SBLZ is not being used at the present time. The board indicated the SBLZ may be required at a future date, with students being relocated from other schools as necessary. However, as there is a high demand for on-street parking in this area, the SBLZ can be removed with the provision that it be re-instated if required at a later date.

Additionally, the review noted that there are three steel railings within the SBLZ, separating the sidewalk from the roadway. These railings can be removed when the SBLZ is removed.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

(1) Drawing No 421F-9607, dated March 2009

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