



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### Student Pick-up/Drop-off Area – Humberside Avenue

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| <b>Date:</b>          | August 14, 2009   |
| <b>To:</b>            | Toronto and East York Community Council                 |
| <b>From:</b>          | Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York |
| <b>Wards:</b>         | Parkdale-High Park, Ward 14                             |
| <b>Report Number:</b> | Ts09126te.top.doc                                       |

### SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services has investigated a request and is recommending installation of a “Student Pick-up/Drop-off Area”, with short-term parking on the north side of Humberside Avenue, at Indian Road Crescent Junior Public School (285 Indian Road Crescent).

Establishing a “Student Pick-up/Drop-off Area” on the north side of Humberside Avenue, east of Indian Road Crescent and allowing parking for a maximum period of 15 minutes will enable parents picking-up or dropping-off children at Indian Road Crescent Junior Public School to legally stop/park from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays during the school year and resolve current parking concerns at this school. This regulation will provide a total of 12 parking spaces and will not adversely impact traffic operations or safety on the street.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

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**Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:**

1. Rescind the “No Parking 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” regulation on the north side of Humberside Avenue, from Indian Road Crescent to a point 97.5 metres further east.
2. Restrict parking to a maximum of 15 minutes, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays, September 1 of one year to June 30 of

the next following year, inclusive on the north side of Humberside Avenue, from Indian Road Crescent to a point 97.5 metres east.

### **Financial Impact**

| <b>Type of Funding</b>          | <b>Source of Funds</b>                                 | <b>Amount</b> |
|---------------------------------|--|---------------|
| Available within current budget | Transportation Services Division 2009 Operating Budget | \$500.00      |

### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

At the request of Councillor Gord Perks following a meeting between area residents and the School Advisory Group of Indian Road Crescent Junior Public School, staff of Transportation Services investigated identifying a “Student Pick-up/Drop-off Area” on the north side of Humberside Avenue at the school. This initiative is meant to improve short-term parking and address transportation needs of the students.

### **COMMENTS**

#### **Existing Conditions**

Indian Road Crescent Junior Public School is located at No. 285 Indian Road Crescent. The school is located on the northeast corner of Indian Road Crescent and Humberside Avenue.

This section of Humberside Avenue is classified as a local road and operates two-way (eastbound and westbound) on a pavement width of about 8 metres. The posted speed limit is 40 km/h. No TTC service operates on Humberside Avenue.

The following parking regulations are in effect on Humberside Avenue abutting the school property.

North side:

- Parking is prohibited from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, from Indian Road Crescent to a point 97.5 metres further east;
- Parking is allowed by permit only between the hours of 12:01 a.m. and 7:00 a.m., daily; and
- Parking is otherwise allowed for a maximum period of 3 hours.

South side:

- Parking is prohibited at all times.

#### **Investigation**

Indian Road Crescent Junior Public School has an enrolment of students ranging from junior kindergarten to Grade 6. Students are transported to this school from all over the City resulting in a high demand for short-term parking in the vicinity of the school where children can be picked up or dropped off. There is no designated student pick-up/drop-off area with short term parking allowed in the vicinity of the school. Vehicles are

constantly coming and going at the school at peak arrival and dismissal times. Parents/guardians park illegally, some creating a safety risk to children. Toronto Police Service, Parking Enforcement officers are frequently on hand issuing parking tags to illegally parked vehicles as a means of discouraging inappropriate parking behavior.

The principal at Indian Road Crescent Junior Public School in consultation with area residents has requested through Councillor Perks that a “Student Pick-up/Drop-off Area” with short-term parking be identified on Humberside Avenue to better accommodate the parking demands of parents throughout the school day and clearly identify where this activity should take place.

### **Proposed changes to parking regulations**

Establishment of a “Student Pick-up/Drop-off Area” on the north side of Humberside Avenue, from Indian Road Crescent to a point 97.5 metres east is feasible and recommended. This will provide a total of 12 parking spaces. Parking will be allowed in this area for a maximum period of 15 minutes from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays during the school year. Parking will be allowed for a maximum period of 3 hours at other times.

Of note, the “Student Pick-up/Drop-off Area” is located within an area where permit parking is allowed. Permit holders are exempt from the 15-minute parking restriction and could occupy this area throughout the day, essentially defeating the purpose of the “Student Pick-up/Drop-off Area”. Staff will monitor this situation, and if it becomes problematic, further changes to the parking regulations in this area may be required.

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### **ATTACHMENTS**

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