



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### School Bus Loading Zone - Croatia Street

<b>Date:</b>	September 18, 2009
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Davenport, Ward 18
<b>Reference Number:</b>	Ts09106te.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 is requesting approval to designate a “School Bus Loading Zone”, on the north side of Croatia Street, from a point 29 metres east of Brock Avenue to a point 55 metres further east to enhance loading/unloading of buses transporting students to/from Le Collège Français, 90 Croatia Street.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Rescind the parking prohibition, anytime, except each Thursday, from April 1 to November 30, on the north side of Croatia Street between Brock Avenue and Dufferin Street.
2. Rescind the Thursday, April 1 to November 30, parking prohibition on the south side of Croatia Street between Brock Avenue and Dufferin Street.
3. Prohibit parking anytime, except each Thursday, from April 1 to November 30, on the north side of Croatia Street from Brock Avenue to a point 29 metres east.
4. Prohibit parking anytime, except each Thursday, from April 1 to November 30, on the north side of Croatia Street from a point 84 metres east of Brock Avenue to Dufferin Street.
5. Prohibit parking between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday to Wednesday, and Friday, on the south side of Croatia Street from Brock Avenue to a point 103 metres east.

6. Prohibit parking each Thursday from April 1 to November 30, on the south side of Croatia Street from a point 103 metres east of Brock Avenue and Dufferin Street.
7. Authorize installation of a “School Bus Loading Zone” and “No Standing, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” regulation on the north side of Croatia Street, from a point 29 metres east of Brock Avenue to a point 55 metres further east.
8. Prohibit parking anytime, except from 5:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight Thursday, from April 1 to November 30, on the north side of Croatia Street, from a point 29 metres east of Brock Avenue to a point 55 metres further east.

### Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Toronto Transportation Services 2009 Operating Budget	\$500.00

### ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services has investigated a request from Service de transport Francobus to introduce a “School Bus Loading Zone” fronting Le Collège Français at 90 Croatia Street.

### COMMENTS

Le Collège Français is located on the north side of Croatia Street, east of Brock Avenue. Croatia Street is a local roadway operating two-way on a pavement width of 7.3 metres. The posted speed limit is 40 km/h. No TTC service is provided on Croatia Street.

Parking is prohibited on the north side of Croatia Street except on Thursdays between April 1<sup>st</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup>. Parking is prohibited on the south side on Thursdays between April 1<sup>st</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup> to allow for street cleaning. Parking is allowed for a maximum period of three hours on the south side of Croatia Street except from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. when permit parking regulations apply.

At the present time buses transporting students to/from the school must by law activate red flashing lights when passengers are being loaded/unloaded. This brings traffic flow on the street to a stop. Identifying a “School Bus Loading Zone” on the north side of Croatia Street, between a point 29 metres east of Brock Avenue and a point 55 metres further east will provide space for 4 school buses to load/unload students without the need to activate flashers.

Given the narrow pavement width of Croatia Street, when buses stop on the north side of the street across from parked cars on the south side, the remaining unimpeded pavement width for two-way traffic operation is less than 3 metres. This creates a potentially hazardous situation for all road users. To resolve this situation staff also recommends prohibiting parking from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Wednesday and on Fridays, from Brock Avenue to a point 103 metres east on the south side of Croatia Street across from the school. This will eliminate about 15 parking spaces during these hours. There are no residential properties on Croatia Street and observations indicate parking demand

is relatively low during the daytime hours. However, residents of other streets in the area, such as Brock Avenue, might consider this an inconvenience.

Councillor Adam Giambrone has been consulted on this matter.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

- (1) Drawing No. 421F-9687, dated May 2009

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