



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Langside Avenue – Parking Regulation Amendments

Date:	March 31, 2010
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 11 – York South - Weston
Reference Number:	p:\2010\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc100055-to

SUMMARY

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

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval to amend the parking and stopping regulations on Langside Avenue, north of Gary Drive, adjoining Pelmo Park Public School, to allow student drop off/pick-up at the beginning and end of the school day.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve:

1. Implementing and rescinding the parking regulations on Langside Avenue, north of Gary Drive, as described in Appendix A.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$400.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services received a request from Councillor Frances Nunziata's office, on behalf of parents whose children attend Pelmo Park Public School, to allow limited-duration parking on Langside Avenue, between Gary Drive and the north limit of the road, to accommodate student drop-off/pick-up near the school.

COMMENTS

Pelmo Park Public School is located at the northeast corner of Langside Avenue and Gary Drive, and accommodates children from Kindergarten to Grade Five. The school building's main entrance faces Langside Avenue. Vehicle access to the school's parking lot is from Gary Drive.

Langside Avenue is classified as a local road with a speed limit of 50 km/h, Gary Drive is as a collector road with a speed limit of 40 km/h. Municipal sidewalks are located on both sides of Gary Drive and on the east side of Langside Avenue. The surrounding land use is predominantly residential with public open space (Pelmo Park), north of the school.

Parking is prohibited on the west side of Langside Avenue, and stopping is not allowed on the east side adjoining the school. School buses may load students within a designated School Bus Loading Zone with a length of 61 metres that is located on the school's Langside Avenue frontage. A review of our files shows that parking and stopping were introduced on Langside Avenue to discourage visitors to Pelmo Park from parking their vehicles on the road for long periods of time.

The current parking regulations do, however, allow on-street loading of passengers and goods. As long as they remain in their vehicles, drivers can pick-up/drop-off their children but cannot escort them on the school's property. An enforcement officer that sees vehicles parked on Langside Avenue not engaged in loading passengers will be ticketed according to the signed regulations. Incidentally, children that are dropped off or picked up on the west side of the road are forced to cross Langside Avenue, sometimes between parked vehicles.

Vehicles cannot stop for any reason on the east side (the school side) of Langside Avenue.

During morning and afternoon site visits on a typical school day, staff observed an average of about 20 vehicles parked or engaged in loading children on both sides of Langside Avenue. Most of these vehicles were on the east side (the school side) of the road, the side that does not allow stopping.

The proposed amendments, which have been discussed with the area Councillor and staff from Pelmo Park Public School, will allow parking for a maximum of 15 minutes during the morning and afternoon school drop off and pick up times on the east side (the school side) of Langside Avenue. The existing parking regulation on the west side of the street will be amended to become a stopping regulation.

The above-noted amendments will result in the following; provide parents with an opportunity to park momentarily on Langside Avenue and escort their children on the school's property; not force children to cross Langside Avenue and; maintain the same restrictive parking and stopping regulations on Langside Avenue to continue to discourage visitors to Pelmo Park from abusively parking on the road.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1:	Appendix "A"
Attachment 2:	Map
Attachment 3:	Context Map & Aerial Photograph
Attachment 4:	Photo

**APPENDIX “A”
Parking By-law Amendments**

“No Stopping”

1. Delete the following:

Highway	Side	Location	Times/Days
Langside Avenue	East	from the northerly limit of Gary Drive, to a point 195.2 metres north of the northerly limit of Gary Drive	Anytime

2. Add the following:

Highway	Side	Location	Times/Days
Langside Avenue	West	from Gary Drive to the northerly limit of Langside Avenue	Anytime
Langside Avenue	East	from a point 30 metres north of Gary Drive to a point 110 metres north of Gary Drive	Anytime

“No Parking”

1. Delete the following:

Highway	Side	Location	Times/Days
Langside Avenue	West	from the northerly limit of Gary Drive to the northerly limit of Langside Avenue;	Anytime

2. Add the following:

Highway	Side	Location	Times/Days
Langside Avenue	East	from 110 metres north of Gary Drive to a point 85 metres north thereof	9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 8:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, and Any Time Saturday and Sunday.

“Parking for Restricted Times”

1. Add the following:

Highway	Side Parking	Between	Hours	Maximum Parking Period
Langside Avenue	East	from 110 metres north of Gary Drive to a point 85 metres north thereof	8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday	15 Minutes
Langside Avenue	East	from 15 metres north of Gary Drive to a point 15 metres north thereof	8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday	15 Minutes