

School Zone Review: Tilbury Drive (Downsview Public School)

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To:	North York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Division, North York District
Wards:	Ward 9 – York Centre
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SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that the Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision, provided that it is not amended so that it varies with City policy or by-laws.

To obtain approval to improve the existing conditions by amending the existing parking and stopping restrictions on Tilbury Drive associated with Downsview Public School.

Amendments to the existing parking and stopping restrictions will provide a short term drop-off and pick-up area and a school bus loading zone for the school and improve the overall safety for pedestrians as well as maintain an acceptable level of service for the traffic flow.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services Division, North York District recommends that North York Community Council:

1. Amend Schedule VIII of By-law No. 31001 of the former City of North York, to delete the “No Parking, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” prohibitions on the south and east side of Tilbury Drive from the easterly limit of Keele Street to the southerly limit of Cuffley Crescent South;

2. Amend Schedule VIII of By-law No. 31001 of the former City of North York, to delete “No Parking, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” prohibitions on the north and west side of Tilbury Drive from a point 61 metres east of the easterly limit of Keele Street to the southerly limit of Cuffley Crescent South;
3. Amend Schedule IX of By-law No. 31001 of the former City of North York, to delete the “No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” prohibitions on the north side of Tilbury Drive from the easterly limit of Keele Street to a point 61 metres east of the easterly limit of Keele Street;
4. Amend Schedule IX of By-law No. 31001 of the former City of North York, to install “No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” prohibitions on the south side of Tilbury Drive from the east limit of Keele Street to the west limit of Hawksdale Road;
5. Amend Schedule IX of By-law No. 31001 of the former City of North York, to install “No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” prohibitions on the north side of Tilbury Drive from the east limit of Keele Street to a point 65 metres east thereof;
6. Amend Schedule VIII of By-law No. 31001 of the former City of North York, to install “No Parking, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” prohibitions on the south and east side of Tilbury Drive from the east limit of Hawksdale Road to the south limit of Cuffley Crescent South;
7. Amend Schedule VIII of By-law No. 31001 of the former City of North York, to install “No Parking, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” prohibitions on the north and west side of Tilbury Drive from the west limit of Hawksdale Road to the south limit of Cuffley Crescent South;
8. Amend Schedule X of By-law No. 31001 of the former City of North York, to install “10 Minute Permitted Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” restrictions on the north side of Tilbury Drive from a point 65 metres east of the east limit of Keele Street to the west limit of Hawksdale Road; and
9. Amend By-law No. 32759 of the former City of North York, to install a School Bus Loading Zone on the north side of Tilbury Drive from a point 30 metres east of the east limit of Keele Street to a point 35 metres east thereof.

Financial Impact

All costs associated with the amendment of the parking and stopping prohibitions on Tilbury Drive are included within the Transportation Services Division’s 2010 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services Division, North York District, was requested by Councillor Augimeri on behalf of Downsview Public School, to review the feasibility of amending the existing parking and stopping regulations on Tilbury Drive in order to provide a School Bus Loading Zone along with a short term permitted parking area for the drop-off and pick-up activities.

COMMENTS

Downsview Public School is located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Keele Street and Tilbury Drive. Vehicular access to the school parking lot is from Keele Street. Pedestrian access to the school is via Keele Street, Tilbury Drive and Cuffley Crescent. This section of Keele Street is a four lane, major arterial roadway with a regulatory speed limit of 60 km/h. Keele Street has a pavement width of approximately 18.6 metres, with municipal sidewalks located on both sides of the roadway. Tilbury Drive is classified as a collector roadway with a regulatory speed limit of 40 km/h, a pavement width of approximately 8.8 metres and a municipal sidewalk is located on the north side, adjacent to the schools flankage.

The current parking restrictions on Tilbury Drive are as follows:

- No parking on the south and east side from Keele Street to Cuffley Crescent from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday;
- No Parking on the north and west side from a point 61 metres east of Keele Street to Cuffley Crescent from 8:30 a.m to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday;
- No stopping on the north side from the easterly limit of Keele Street to a point 61 metres east of the easterly limit of Keele Street from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

To identify the existing traffic conditions on Tilbury Drive, this division conducted a School Zone Review (SZR) on October 7 and 8, 2009, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

During the review, staff observed that many of the parents utilized the school parking lot located on the east side of Keele Street. Also of note, it was observed that many parents walked their children to and from school. There is a crossing guard present at the intersection of Keele Street and Tilbury Drive for pedestrians crossing on the east side of the intersection from both 8:00 a.m to 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Vehicles were observed parking illegally on Tilbury Drive as a total of 10 vehicles were parked in the morning and 5 vehicles during afternoon period respectively.

This Division also did observations for both the a.m. and p.m. school arrival and dismissal times on Cuffley Crescent, which provides pedestrian access to Downsview Public School. During those times, staff observed one parent during the a.m. period using the apartment building parking lot at 51 Cuffley Crescent to park and drop off their children.

A review of the Toronto Police Service collision database for Tilbury Drive from Keele Street to Hawksdale Road has revealed that, in the preceding three years, there has been one reported incident. The synopsis of that incident involved a pedestrian in a motorized wheelchair bumping a vehicle and abruptly leaving the scene while crossing at Tilbury and Keele Street.

Staff's determination based on the above indicates that the current stopping and parking restrictions on Tilbury Drive would require that motorists disobey the current signage, which is not considered a safe practice for both motorists and/or pedestrians.

In order to improve traffic conditions, this Division recommends that a School Bus Loading Zone and a 10 Minute Permitted Parking area be implemented on the north side of Tilbury Drive from a point 30 metres east of Keele Street to Hawksdale Road. Furthermore, stopping be prohibited from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the south side of Tilbury Drive from Keele Street to Hawksdale Road.

Councillor Maria Augimeri supports the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map – Tilbury Dr; School Zone Review (*ny10072_map*)