

School Zone Review: Troutbrooke Drive (Beverley Heights Middle 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 Troutbrooke Drive associated with Beverley Heights Middle School.

Amendments to the current parking and stopping restrictions will address both the residents and school administration's concerns 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 IX of By-law No. 31001 of the former City of North York, to delete "No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" prohibition on the south side of Troutbrooke Drive, from the easterly limit of Linthurst Avenue to 219.65 metres east and 129.62 metres south of the easterly limit of Linthurst Avenue.

2. 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” prohibition on the south side of Troutbrooke Drive, from Linthurst Avenue to a point 81 metres north of Buxton Road.
3. Amend Schedule X of By-law No. 31001 of the former City of North York, to install “15 Minute Permitted Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday”, restriction on the west side of Troutbrooke Drive, from a point 27 metres north of Buxton Road to a point 54 metres north thereof.
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” prohibition on the west side of Troutbrooke Drive, from a point 38 metres south of Buxton Road to a point 27 metres north of Buxton 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” prohibition on the east side of Troutbrooke Drive, from a point 38 metres south of Buxton Road to a point 124 metres north of Buxton Road.
6. Amend By-law No. 32759 of the former City of North York, to delete the School Bus Loading Zone on the west side of Troutbrooke Drive, from a point 10 metres south of the southerly limit of Buxton Road to a point 60 metres north of the northerly limit of Buxton Road.
7. Amend By-law No. 32759 of the former City of North York, to install a School Loading Zone on the west side of Troutbrooke Drive, from a point 10 metres south of Buxton Road to a point 27 metres north of Buxton Road.

Financial Impact

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

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services Division, North York District, was requested by the Beverley Heights Middle School Administration and Toronto Police Service, Parking Enforcement Unit, to review the feasibility of amending the existing parking and stopping regulations on Troutbrooke Drive in order to increase the level of safety for pedestrians and motorists during student pick-up and drop-off times.

COMMENTS

Beverley Heights Middle School is located on the west side/south side of Troutbrooke Drive, between Exbury Road and Linthurst Avenue. The front doors to the school are located approximately 23 metres north of Buxton Road. This school has two parking lots, one at the north end of the school and the other at the south end of the school property.

Troutbrooke Drive is designated as a local roadway with a posted speed limit of 40 km/h with a municipal sidewalk on the south/west side of the roadway adjacent to the schools frontage. It should be noted that there is a 90 degree bend/curvature in the roadway at the north end of the school.

The current parking/stopping prohibitions associated with the school are as follows:

- Stopping is prohibited from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south/west side of Troutbrooke Drive, from Linthurst Avenue to a point 40 metres south of Buxton Road (southerly limit of the school); and
- Parking is permitted for a maximum period of 3 hours on the north and east side of Troutbrooke Drive.

There is an existing School Bus Loading Zone (SBLZ) on the west side of Troutbrooke Drive from a 10 metres south of Buxton Road to a point 60 metres north of Buxton Road.

To identify existing traffic conditions on Troutbrooke Drive, staff conducted a School Zone Review (SZR) during the a.m. and p.m. arrival and dismissal times. The results of the study are as follows:

Location	Number of Vehicles	
	8:00 am - 9:00 am	3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
On-Street School-Side Parking	86	41
On-Street Opposite-Side Parking	21	17
School Parking Lot IN	50	7
OUT	18	16
Parking in residential driveways	-	-
Double Parking	3	4
Three-Point Turns	20	15

During the completion of the SZR, staff observed that motorists stopped/parked on both sides of the roadway. The majority however, used the west side of Troutbrooke Drive. This parking activity restricts the safe and efficient flow of two-way traffic and also forces children being dropped-off/picked-up by their parents to cross the roadway from between parked vehicles. It was also observed that the several of the southbound motorists on Troutbrooke Drive elected to double park, thereby blocking the traffic flow.

School buses were using both the existing on-street school bus loading zone and the parking lot at the southeast corner of the school. There were only two buses utilizing the School Bus Loading Zone at any given time during the peak period. City staff in consultation with the School Principal, staff of Toronto Police Services and Toronto Parking Authority have concluded that the length of the existing School Bus Loading Zone is longer than required and that the under utilized space could better be served by short term parking.

Based upon the review and analysis, this Division recommends that a 15 Minute Permitted Parking area be implemented on the west side of Troutbrooke Drive and stopping be prohibited on the east side of Troutbrooke Drive. Furthermore, the existing School Bus Loading Zone be reduced from a point 70 metres in length to a point 46 metres in length.

Councillor Maria Augimeri supports the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map – Troutbrooke Dr – School Zone Review (*ny10069_map*)