



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Proposed School Bus Loading Zone Servicing the
School at # 21 Gatesview Avenue**

Date:	December 15, 2009
To:	Scarborough Community Council
From:	Acting Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District
Wards:	Ward 36 – Scarborough Southwest
Reference Number:	P:\2010\Cluster B\TRA\Scarborough\sc1007 D09-3523364 # 21 Gatesview school bus loading zone

SUMMARY

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

This report responds to a concern about the need to update School Bus Loading Zone for Cedar Drive Junior Public School at # 21 Gatesview Avenue. Transportation staff has confirmed the need for this “School Bus Loading Zone” in order to facilitate safe and efficient drop-off and pick-up of young students being bussed to school.

It is recommended that Transportation Services update the regulations for the School Bus loading Zone on the south side of Gatesview Avenue directly in front of the school, adjacent to the walkway.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services, Scarborough District, recommends that Scarborough Community Council:

1. Enact the parking regulations, as identified in Appendix 1 of this report.
2. Amend the appropriate by-law(s) accordingly.

Financial Impact

The financial cost of installing this School Bus Loading Zone signage is approximately \$1,000.00. Funding for the signs is available in the Transportation Services 2009 Operating Budget, within Cost Centre TP0397.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Further to a concern raised by Councillor Brian Ashton about the lack of a School Bus Loading Zone on Gatesview Avenue, Transportation Services staff reviewed the traffic operations on this roadway directly in front of the school. Specifically, the Councillor expressed concerns about the lack of facilities for drop-off and pick-up of young school children being bussed to school. A ‘School Bus Loading Zone’ was installed for the south side of Gatesview Avenue, as a legacy regulation existed for such a zone from the 1950’s but was no longer signed.

Permissive parking, no stopping, school bus loading zones and no parking regulations in the City of Toronto are recommended and adopted by Council on an “as needed basis”.

COMMENTS

Several characteristics describing the subject portion of Gatesview Avenue include:

- The land use on Gatesview Avenue is single family homes, and a school.
- Gatesview Avenue is a two-lane east-west local roadway approximately 8.5 metres in width.
- The proposed school bus loading zone will have a minimal impact on the area residents.
- The proposed school bus loading zone on this section of Gatesview Avenue will enhance the ability to drop-off and pick-up young school children being bussed to school.

We anticipate that re-establishing the School Bus Loading Zone on the south side of Gatesview Avenue will have a minimal impact on local residents, enhance traffic operations by facilitating drop-off and pick-up of school children being bussed to school.

Gatesview Avenue is classified as a local roadway in the City's approved Road Classification System; as such, the authority to implement the proposed school bus loading zone has been delegated to Scarborough Community Council.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Appendix 1 - By-law Amendment (Enact)
2. Location Plan – Proposed School Bus Loading Zone - # 21 Gatesview Avenue

Appendix 1

“School Bus Loading Zones”
Regulation to be Enacted

(In Column 1) Highway	(In Column 2) Side	(In Column 3) From	(In Column 4) To
Gatesview Avenue, Cedar Drive Junior Public School	South	A point 97 metres east of Cedar Drive	123 metres east of Cedar Drive