



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Parking Amendments – Garfield Avenue and Sighthill Avenue

Date:	December 8, 2009
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Toronto Centre-Rosedale, Ward 27
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SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is requesting approval from Toronto and East York Community Council to change the parking regulations on Garfield Avenue (Mount Pleasant Road to Sighthill Avenue) and on Sighthill Avenue (Garfield Avenue to Inglewood Drive) to improve unobstructed two-way traffic flow during morning and afternoon pick-up/drop-off hours at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School located at 1 Garfield Avenue.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Rescind the existing parking prohibition from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the south and west side of Garfield Avenue from a point 121.9 metres west of Sighthill Avenue and a point 24.4 metres further west and north of it.
2. Rescind the current ‘School Bus Loading Zone’ on the south and west side of Garfield Avenue between a point 21.9 metres west of Sighthill Avenue and a point 24.4 metres further west and north thereof.

3. Rescind the existing parking prohibition at all times on the west side of Garfield Avenue from Mount Pleasant Road to a point 54 metres further east.
4. Prohibit stopping from 8:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. and from 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., Monday to Friday on the north/east sides of Garfield Avenue from Mount Pleasant Road to Sighthill Avenue.
5. Prohibit stopping from 8:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. and from 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., Monday to Friday on the south side of Garfield Avenue from a point 102 metres west of Sighthill Avenue to a point 34 metres further west.
6. Authorize the installation of a “School Bus Loading Zone” on the south and west side of Garfield Avenue from a point 136 metres west and north of Sighthill Avenue to a point 30 metres further north.
7. Prohibit stopping from 8:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. and from 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., Monday to Friday on the west side of Garfield Avenue from a point 166 metres west and north of Sighthill Avenue to Mount Pleasant Road.
8. Prohibit stopping from 8:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. and from 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., Monday to Friday on the west side of Sighthill Avenue from Inglewood Drive to Garfield Avenue.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services 2010 Interim Operating Budget	\$2,000.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Councillor Kyle Rae, in consultation with the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School, requested Transportation Services to adjust the current parking restrictions on Garfield Avenue and on Sighthill Avenue to allow for parking on only one side of the street during morning and afternoon pick-up/drop-off hours at the school in order to promote unobstructed two-way traffic flow.

COMMENTS

Garfield Avenue (Mount Pleasant Road to Sighthill Avenue) is classified as a local roadway that operates two-way (eastbound and westbound), and has a pavement width of 8.4 metres. Our Lady of Perpetual Help is located on the south side of Garfield Avenue, just west of Mount Pleasant Road. Parking is allowed for a maximum period of three hours on both sides of Garfield Avenue, except for 100 metres on the north side of the street, east of Mount Pleasant Road where parking is prohibited at all times. In addition, parking is also prohibited at all times on the south side of Garfield Avenue, within the “School Bus Loading Zone”, located adjacent to the school. The posted speed limit on this street is 40km/h.

Sighthill Avenue (Garfield Avenue to Inglewood Drive) is also classified as a local roadway that operates two-way (northbound and southbound), has no sidewalks, and has a pavement width of 7.3 metres. Parking is allowed on both sides of this street for a maximum period of three hours. The posted speed limit on this street is 40km/h. There are no transit routes on either Garfield Avenue or Sighthill Avenue.

Southbound left turns are currently prohibited from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday on Mount Pleasant at Garfield Avenue and westbound left turns are prohibited at all times on Garfield Avenue at Mount Pleasant Road. As a result, most of the motorists destined to/from the school must do so via Inglewood Drive, Sighthill Avenue and Garfield Avenue and vice versa.

Vehicle movements become problematic in this area during morning and afternoon pick-up and drop-off times at the school. The primary concern here is vehicular congestion when parents jockey for prime parking space as close to the school as possible. This creates a serious concern for the school children as parents park and stop vehicles on both sides on Garfield Avenue and Sighthill Avenue (and in prohibited areas) obstructing traffic, the school driveway, and school buses.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School, in consultation with Transportation Services and Councillor Kyle Rae requested that staff amend the current parking regulations to prohibit stopping from 8:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. and from 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., Monday to Friday on the following streets:

- north side of Garfield Avenue (Mount Pleasant Road to Sighthill Avenue);
- south side of Garfield Avenue (vicinity of the school's entrance); and
- west side of Sighthill Avenue (Inglewood Drive to Garfield Avenue).

Approximately six parking spaces will be eliminated on the north side of Garfield Avenue (Mount Pleasant Road to Sighthill Avenue) and ten parking spaces will be eliminated on the west side of Sighthill Avenue (Inglewood Drive to Garfield Avenue) only during the prohibited time mentioned.

The parking amendments requested should help promote unobstructed two-way traffic flow by maintaining one-sided parking on these streets during pick-up and drop-off hours at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School. While the loss of parking during the time periods indicated above may become an inconvenience, the enhancement to overall operational safety should take precedence.

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(1) Drawing No. 421F-9860, dated December 2009

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