



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

School Zone – Leslie Street

Date:	November 24, 2009
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Toronto-Danforth, Ward 30
Reference Number:	Ts09194te.top.doc

SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is seeking authority to amend the parking regulations on the west side of Leslie Street, north of Dundas Street East, to provide an area for short-term parking duration, which will provide parking opportunities for parents picking-up or dropping-off children attending the childcare at Leslieville Junior Public School.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that the Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Rescind the existing “No parking anytime” regulation on the west side of Leslie Street between Queen Street East and C.N.R. tracks.
2. Implement a 15-minute maximum parking limit from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Leslie Street between a point 114 metres north of Dundas Street East and a point 22 metres further north.
3. Prohibit parking on the west side of Leslie Street between a point 114 metres north of Dundas Street East and a point 22 metres further north from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. of the next following day, Monday to Friday, and anytime Saturday and Sunday.

4. Prohibit parking at all times on the west side of Leslie Street between Queen Street East and a point 114 metres north of Dundas Street East and between a point 136 metres north of Dundas Street East and the C. N. R. tracks.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Toronto Transportation Services Interim 2010 Operating Budget	\$600.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services staff have reviewed the parking regulations on Leslie Street, between Dundas Street East and Gerrard Street East, in response to a request from Leslieville Junior Public School. The principal, in consultation with Councillor Fletcher’s office, has requested short-term on-street parking to assist parents when picking-up and dropping-off children at the childcare.

COMMENTS

Leslie Street, between Dundas Street East and Gerrard Street East, is a 7.3 metre wide local road operating one-way northbound, west of Greenwood Avenue. Leslieville Public School is located on the west side of Leslie Street, between Dundas Street East and Sprout Avenue (two blocks south of Gerrard Street East). The TTC does not operate service along this section of Leslie Street. The following parking regulations are in effect on the subject section of Leslie Street:

West side

- no parking any time;

East side

- no parking 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, between Dundas Street East and Sprout Avenue ; and
- parking is otherwise allowed for a maximum period of three hours outside of the hours of permit parking operation between 12:01 and 7:00 a.m., daily.

The principal of Leslieville Public School has requested an on-street student pick-up and drop-off zone on the west side of Leslie Street to allow parking for four vehicles at the north end of the school building near the childcare entrance. Given that parking is prohibited at all times on the west side of Leslie Street (the side the school is on) and on the east side of the street between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, parents are unable to park on Leslie Street near the school to accompany their child to and from the childcare after 8:00 a.m. and before 5:00 p.m. on weekdays.

It is feasible to implement a student pick-up and drop-off zone on the west side of Leslie Street to allow parking for up to 15 minutes. In order to maintain traffic flow, the operating time of the pick-up drop-off zone on the west side would need to coincide with the 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. parking prohibition on the east side of the street. Allowing parking on both sides of the street simultaneously could be problematic, given the 7.3 metre pavement width. Passage could become blocked for large vehicles, such as school buses, especially during the winter months when the road width is often narrowed by snow accumulation at the curbs.

The school principal has advised that a 15-minute parking limit between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Leslie Street would be acceptable. The east side of the street should be clear of parked vehicles during those time periods allowing for the passage of through vehicles.

The proposed short-term parking area on the west side of Leslie Street will provide parents with a convenient location to park when attending the childcare during arrival and dismissal times. Parents arriving between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m. could park on the east side of Leslie Street.

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(1) Drawing No. 421F-9847, dated November 2009

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