



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

School Zone – Hiawatha Road / Ashdale Avenue

Date:	December 9, 2009
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Toronto-Danforth, Ward 30
Reference Number:	Ts09203te.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 east side of Hiawatha Road and the west side of Ashdale Avenue, between Gerrard Street East and Fairford Avenue, to provide an area for short-term parking duration, which will provide parking opportunities for parents picking-up or dropping-off children attending Roden Public School. The amendments also rescind a parking prohibition for a former disabled person parking space that no longer exists and formalize a parking prohibition that has been signed in the field for several years.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Rescind the parking regulations on Hiawatha Road and Ashdale Avenue as outlined in Appendix “A”, attached to this report.
2. Approve implementation of the parking regulations on Hiawatha Road and Ashdale Avenue as outlined in Appendix “B”, attached to this report.

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 had been requested by the vice principal of Roden Public School to investigate the feasibility of allowing short-term parking near the school entrances on Hiawatha Road and Ashdale Avenue during arrival and dismissal times. Given that parking is currently prohibited between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the school side of both Hiawatha Road and Ashdale Avenue and prohibited at all times on the side opposite the school, parents are unable to park near the school entrances and accompany their child to and from the school.

COMMENTS

Roden Public School is bounded by Hiawatha Road, Fairford Avenue, Ashdale Avenue, and the east/west public lane first north of Gerrard Street East. Parking is generally prohibited on Hiawatha Road and Ashdale Avenue adjacent to the school property between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, and prohibited at all times on the side opposite the school. Parking is allowed for a maximum period of one-hour at other times outside of the hours of permit parking operation between 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily on the east side of Hiawatha Road and the west side of Ashdale Avenue. A 50 metre long school bus loading zone is designated on the east side of Hiawatha Road near the school entrance. Neither Hiawatha Road nor Ashdale Avenue is served by TTC transit routes.

A 33 metre long area and a 17 metre long area respectively for short-term parking could be provided on the east side of Hiawatha Road and the west side of Ashdale Avenue near the school entrances as shown on Drawing No.421F-9859 attached. Parking would be allowed for a maximum period of 10-minutes between 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Parking would be prohibited within the student pick-up drop-off areas between 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., and between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Under the proposal, the school bus loading zone on Hiawatha Road would be reduced in length to accommodate the student pick-up drop-off area. The vice principal has advised that the number of buses attending the school could be accommodated within the reduced school bus loading zone on Hiawatha Road.

The proposed pick-up drop-off areas will not adversely impact traffic operations on Hiawatha Road or Ashdale Avenue or the general parking operation currently on these sections of Hiawatha Road and Ashdale Avenue. Parking will be maintained on the east side of Hiawatha Road and the west side of Ashdale Avenue from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. on weekdays, and at all times Saturday and Sunday, with a maximum one-hour limit outside of permit parking hours, 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily.

Although there is a potential for overnight permit parkers to remain legally parked in the student pick-up drop-off zone during the 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. period, and in excess of the 10-minute maximum parking regulation, this issue is not a concern at this time, and could be addressed at a later time if it becomes problematic.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- (1) Appendix "A" – Regulations to be Rescinded
- (2) Appendix "B" – Regulations to be Implemented
- (3) Drawing Nos. 421F-9859 dated December 2009