

# STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

# School Zone – Leslie Street

Date:	January 15, 2010	
То:	Toronto and East York Community Council	
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District	
Wards:	Toronto-Danforth, Ward 30	
Reference Number:	Ts10003te.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 existing parking regulations on the east side of Leslie Street, south of Dundas Street East, to reduce the length and operating time of the 10-minute maximum parking student pick-up/drop-off zone opposite St. Joseph Catholic School. The change will provide additional on-street parking for area residents during school hours, and during the summer months.

# RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- 1. Rescind the existing 10-minute maximum parking limit from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.., Monday to Friday on the east side of Leslie Street between a point 234 metres north of Queen Street East and a point 91.4 metres further north.
- 2. Rescind the existing parking prohibition from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Leslie Street between a point 234 metres north of Queen Street East and a point 91.4 metres further north.
- 3. Implement a 10-minute maximum parking limit from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except

July, August, and public holidays on the east side of Leslie Street between a point 47.5 metres south of Dundas Street East and a point 53 metres further south.

4. Prohibit parking from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except July, August, and public holidays on the east side of Leslie Street between a point 47.5 metres south of Dundas Street East and a point 53 metres further south.

#### **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 reviewed the 10-minute maximum parking student pickup/drop-off zone on the east side of Leslie Street opposite St. Joseph Catholic School in response to a request from Councillor Paula Fletcher to provide additional parking for area residents during school hours.

## COMMENTS

Leslie Street, between Queen Street East and Dundas Street East, is a 7.5 metre wide local road operating two-way between Queen Street East and a point 40 metres north and one-way northbound from that point to Dundas Street East. St. Joseph Catholic School is located on the west side of Leslie Street, approximately 50 metres south of Dundas 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

- parking is prohibited between Queen Street East and a point 30.5 metres north and between Dundas Street East and a point 30.5 metres south (traffic control signals);
- parking is prohibited from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Leslie Street between a point 234 metres north of Queen Street East and a point 91.4 metres further north;
- parking is allowed for a maximum period of 10 minutes from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the east side of Leslie Street between a point 234 metres north of Queen Street East and a point 91.4 metres further north (student pick-up/drop-off zone); and
- parking is otherwise allowed for a maximum period of three hours outside of the hours of permit parking operation between 12:01 a.m. and 7:00 a.m., daily.

The existing student pick-up/drop-off zone is 91.4 metres in length and can accommodate approximately 14 vehicles.

Transportation Services staff on a typical school day in November undertook a count of vehicles parked within the student pick-up/drop-off zone during the morning, noon, and afternoon arrival and dismissal times. The maximum number of vehicles recorded in the zone at any one time was seven. Accordingly, the existing length of the student pick-up/drop-off zone would appear to be excessive.

Given that the student pick-up/drop-off is not being used to capacity, Councillor Fletcher has requested that it be reduced in length so that additional long-term (three-hour maximum) parking spaces can be made available during school hours. This report recommends that the length of the student pick-up/drop-off be reduced from 91 metres to 53 metres, which will accommodate approximately nine vehicles. This adjustment would provide an additional five on-street parking spaces during school hours and would be subject to an unsigned three-hour maximum parking limit.

Also, Councillor Fletcher has requested that the operating time of the reduced student pick-up/drop-off zone be amended to exclude July, August, and public holidays. This would allow parking in the zone during those times when school is not in session.

Transportation Services staff has attempted to contact the principal of St. Joseph Catholic School regarding the proposed changes to the student pick-up/drop-off zone and have not to date received a response.

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## SIGNATURE

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## LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

(1) Drawing No. 421F-9895, dated January 2010

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