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STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Designation of 15-Minute-Maximum Parking Area – Bowmore Road

Date:	April 6, 2010	
То:	Toronto and East York Community Council	
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York	
Wards:	Beaches-East York, Ward 32	
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SUMMARY

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

At the request of Councillor Sandra Bussin, in consultation with the Principal of Bowmore Public School and local residents, Transportation Services is seeking authority to designate a 15-minute-maximum parking area on the west side of Bowmore Road, south of Gerrard Street East. This proposed 30 metre-long short-term student pickup/drop-off area is intended to address concerns with illegal parking and ensuing traffic congestion in front of Bowmore Public School during school arrival and dismissal times.

To allow the above, the existing 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, parking prohibition on the west side of Bowmore Road would have to be reduced by 30 metres. These changes would result in five short-term parking spaces and a more controlled parking environment.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Rescind the "No Parking, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" regulation on the west side of Bowmore Road, between a point 68 metres north of Wrenson Road and a point 68 metres south of Gerrard Street East.

- 2. Implement a "No Parking, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" regulation on the west side of Bowmore Road, between a point 69 metres north of Wrenson Road and a point 80 metres further north.
- 3. Implement a "No Parking, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" regulation on the west side of Bowmore Road, between a point 72 metres south of Gerrard Street East and a point 58 metres further south.
- 4. Implement a "15-minute maximum parking, from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" regulation on the west side of Bowmore Road, between a point 130 metres south of Gerrard Street East and a point 30 metres further south.
- 5. Implement a "No Parking, from 9:30 a.m. to11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" regulation on the west side of Bowmore Road, between a point 130 metres south of Gerrard Street East and a point 30 metres further south.
- 6. Amend the "School Bus Loading Zone" regulation on the west side of Bowmore Road, to be in effect between a point 69 metres north of Wrenson Road and a point 80 metres further north.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Toronto Transportation Services 2010 operating budget	\$500.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Councillor Sandra Bussin, in consultation with the Principal of Bowmore Public School and local residents, has requested that a 15-minute-maximum parking area be designated on the west side of Bowmore Road, south of Gerrard Street East. This 30 metre-long short-term parking area is intended to address concerns with illegal parking and ensuing traffic congestion in front of Bowmore Public School during school arrival and dismissal times.

COMMENTS

Bowmore Road is an 8.5 metre-wide, north/south local roadway that runs south from Gerrard Street East, east of Coxwell Avenue. Bowmore Public School is located on the west side of the road, approximately 170 metres south of Gerrard Street East. The school property is bounded by Wrenson Road on the south side.

There is an 80 metre-long school bus loading zone (SBLZ) directly in front of the school on the west side of Bowmore Road and a 40 metre-long student pick-up/drop-off area, just south of the SBLZ, where parking is allowed for up to 15 minutes. To the north and south of these areas parking is prohibited from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Parking is allowed by permit overnight on both sides of Bowmore Road, between Gerrard Street East and Wrenson Road.

Discussion with the school Principal revealed that many parents park and pick-up/dropoff children where it is prohibited on Bowmore Road, north of the SBLZ. This is likely because this area is closest to the school entrance while the designated pick-up/drop-off area is 80 metres further south on Bowmore Road. Furthermore, the pick-up/drop-off area on Bowmore Road primarily serves the entrance to a daycare.

To remedy the above situation it is feasible to designate an additional 30 metre-long student pick-up/drop-off area, where parking would be allowed for up to 15 minutes, north of the school bus loading zone. To allow this, the existing 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, parking prohibition on the west side of Bowmore Road would have to be reduced by 30 metres. These changes would result in five short-term parking spaces and a more controlled parking environment. Attached Drawing No. 421F-9968 depicts the existing and proposed parking regulations. There is no TTC service on Bowmore Road.

During the course of our review it was determined that the School Bus Loading Zone and No Parking Certain Times schedules do not reflect the signed parking regulations. Recommendations are included in this report to amend the schedules.

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Drawing No. 421F-9968, dated March 2010

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