



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Parking Amendments within a School Bus Loading Zone
- Brownlow Avenue**

Date:	May 31, 2010
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	St. Paul’s, Ward 22
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SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is requesting approval to implement a 10-minute maximum parking regulation, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday within the existing school bus loading zone on the east side of Brownlow Avenue, from a point 49 metres south of Eglinton Avenue East to a point 26 metres further south.

The implementation of a 10-minute maximum parking regulation during the times indicated will provide parents/guardians of children attending Eglinton Public School and other motorists with a place to park temporarily at times when the school bus loading zone is not required by school buses.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Rescind the “No Stopping” regulation, from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Brownlow Avenue, from a point 49 metres south of Eglinton Avenue East to a point 26 metres further south.
2. Permit parking for a maximum period of ten minutes, from 9:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the east side of Brownlow

Avenue, from a point 49 metres south of Eglinton Avenue East to a point 26 metres further south.

3. Prohibit stopping, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Brownlow Avenue, from a point 49 metres south of Eglinton Avenue East to a point 26 metres further south

Financial Impact

The estimated cost of installing signs to implement the amended parking regulations is about \$800. Funds are available within the Transportation Services Division 2010 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services has reviewed a request from Councillor Michael Walker, on behalf of representatives of the Eglinton Public School, to enhance short-term parking opportunity for the parents/guardians picking up or dropping off children at this school.

COMMENTS

Road Characteristics

Brownlow Avenue, from Eglinton Avenue East to Soudan Avenue operates two-way on a pavement width of 8.6 metres, with a maximum speed limit of 40 km/h. Stopping is prohibited at all times on the west side of Brownlow Avenue in the vicinity of Eglinton Public School. Stopping also is prohibited on the east side of Brownlow Avenue, from Eglinton Avenue East to a point 16.6 metres south and from a point 75.0 metres south of Eglinton Avenue East to Soudan Avenue. A "Student Pick-up/Drop-off Area" is delineated from a point 16.6 metres south of Eglinton Avenue East to a point 32.4 metres further south. Parking is allowed in this area for a maximum period of 10-minutes from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday and is prohibited at all other times. A "School Bus Loading Zone" (SBLZ) is delineated from a point 49.0 metres south of Eglinton Avenue East to a point 26.0 metres further south. Within the school bus loading zone, stopping is prohibited from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday and parking is prohibited at all other times. There is no TTC service on this street.

Results of Transportation Services Investigation

Transportation Services has no technical objection to implementing the requested 10-minute maximum parking regulation within the existing SBLZ. However, this type of over-lapping use is something we generally avoid to ensure that the area remains clear for those times when school buses require use of the area. This is the reason that SBLZs generally operate as "No Stopping" zones at all times, or for the entire daytime period, such as 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, as in the case of Brownlow Avenue. Alternatively, when the "No Stopping" regulation is not in effect within a SBLZ, a "No Parking" regulation is often in effect to ensure that parking does not occur, but allow for motorists to momentarily stop to pick-up or drop-off a passenger.

However, a large number of concerns have been raised over the years about the limited amount of parking in the area for parents/guardians who must escort younger children to or from Eglinton Public School and Eglinton Children's Centre. Allowing parking to occur within the SBLZ, outside of the times that the zone is required for scheduled school bus pick-up and drop-off but restricting that parking duration to a maximum of 10 minutes would be beneficial.

The school bus loading zone on Brownlow Avenue is not required by school buses after 9:15 a.m., and only required again between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Allowing parking for a maximum of 10-minutes within the SBLZ, from 9:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, is feasible. The stopping prohibition would operate within the SBLZ from 7:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, to help ensure that this area remains clear for use by school buses. The existing "No Parking" regulation will continue to operate within this area at all other times.

CONCLUSION

Allowing 10-minute maximum parking within the existing school bus loading zone on Brownlow Avenue will provide approximately 5 short-duration parking spaces that would be made available for visitors to the Eglinton Public School and others persons visiting the area during the times that the school/child centre is in operation. However, strict enforcement of the parking regulations will be necessary to help ensure that parking turnover is achieved within this zone and that it remains clear during the time periods that it is required by school buses.

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