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STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Student Pick-up/Drop-off Area - Cedarvale Avenue, between Cosburn Avenue and Trenton Avenue

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То:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Beaches-East York, Ward 31
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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 Janet Davis, Transportation Services staff investigated the feasibility of expanding the existing "School Bus Loading Zone" and providing a "Student Pick-up/Drop-off Area" (SPDA) for Parkside Elementary School on Cedarvale Avenue.

The expansion of the existing "School Bus Loading Zone" and providing a "Student Pick-up and Drop-off Area", with a 10-minute maximum parking regulation, is justified on the east side of Cedarvale Avenue. These measures should improve safety for children, minimize conflicts between private vehicles and school buses, and enhance loading operations during peak arrival and dismissal times at Parkside Elementary School.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Rescinding the existing School Bus Loading Zone on Cedarvale Avenue, between 52.0 metres east of Rumney Road and the south limit of Parkside Elementary School.

- 2. A "School Bus Loading Zone" from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, be delineated on the east side of Cedarvale Avenue from a point 186 metres north of Cosburn Avenue to a point 54 metres further north.
- 3. Parking for a maximum period of ten minutes from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Cedarvale Avenue, from a point 126 metres north of Cosburn Avenue to a point 60 metres further north.
- 4. Prohibiting parking from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., and from 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Monday to Friday, and at all times Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays, on the east side of Cedarvale Avenue, from a point 126 metres north of Cosburn Avenue to a point 60 metres further north.

Financial Impact

The estimated cost for installing poles and signs would be \$1,200.00. Funds have been allocated in the Transportation Services Division 2010 Operating Budget.

COMMENTS

Existing Conditions

Parkside Elementary School is located on the east side of Cedarvale Avenue, where it ends at Trenton Avenue. Cedarvale Avenue is a local street operating two-way on a pavement width of 8.5 metres with a speed limit of 30 km/h as speed humps are installed on this street. There is no TTC service on Cedarvale Avenue.

Parking regulations on Cedarvale Avenue, in the vicinity of Parkside Elementary School are as follows:

East Side

- Parking is allowed for a maximum period of three hours from Cosburn Avenue to the lane to Stan Wadlow Community Centre.
- There are signs prohibiting parking between this lane and Trenton Avenue.
- A School Bus Loading Zone is located between Trenton Avenue and the south limit of Parkside Elementary School.

West Side

• No Parking Anytime, from Cosburn Avenue to Trenton Avenue.

There are no formal loading areas for parents/guardians transporting children to/from the school. Currently, most parents/guardians park their vehicles in a parking lot on the west side and cross the street to the school.

Observations indicate there is a need for parents/guardians to be able to safely park for short periods of time to drop-off or pick-up students during arrival and dismissal times at Parkside Elementary School.

After consulting with the Principal of Parkside Elementary School, Transportation Services recommends providing a "Student Pick-up/Drop-off Area" with parking allowed for a maximum period of 10 minutes, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Cedarvale Avenue, from a point 126 metres north of Cosburn Avenue (the lane for the Community Centre) to a point 60 metres further north, and prohibit parking at other times in the same area. This will allow parking for 11 cars in this Student Pick-up/Drop-off Area. The school has also requested us to extend the School Bus Loading Zone by 10 metres to the south to facilitate school buses.

These measures will enhance safety for children, minimize conflicts between private vehicles and school buses, and improve loading operations during peak arrival, lunch and dismissal times at this school.

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