



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

School Bus Loading Zone – Bank Street

Date:	May 28, 2010
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Davenport, Ward 18
Reference Number:	Ts10082te.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 north side of Bank Street, east of Sheridan Avenue, to introduce a school bus loading zone. The change will facilitate the loading/unloading of buses transporting students to/from St. Veronica Catholic School, 30 Bank Street.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Adjust the “No Parking, from the 1st day to the 15th day of each month, April 1st to November 30th” and “No Parking, from December 1st of one year to March 31st of the next following year” regulations on the north side of Bank Street, between Dufferin Street and Sheridan Avenue to apply from Dufferin Street to a point 97 metres east of Sheridan Avenue.
2. Adjust the “No Parking, from the 16th day to the last day of each month, April 1st to November 30th” regulation on the south side of Bank Street, between Dufferin Street and Sheridan Avenue to apply from Dufferin Street to a point 97 metres east of Sheridan Avenue.
3. Adjust the “No Parking Except By Permit, from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., from the 1st day to the 15th day of each month, April 1st to November 30th” and “No Parking Except By Permit, from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., from December 1st of

one year to March 31st of the next following year” regulations on the south (odd) side of Bank Street, between Dufferin Street and Sheridan Avenue to apply from Dufferin Street to a point 97 metres east of Sheridan Avenue.

4. Adjust the “No Parking Except By Permit, from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., from the 16th day to the last day of each month, April 1st to November 30th” regulation on the north (even) side of Bank Street, between Dufferin Street and Sheridan Avenue to apply from Dufferin Street to a point 97 metres east of Sheridan Avenue.
5. Approve implementation of a “No Parking Except By Permit, from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily” regulation on the south (odd) side of Bank Street, from Sheridan Avenue to a point 97 metres east.
6. Approve the installation of a “School Bus Loading Zone”, on the north side of Bank Street, from Sheridan Avenue to a point 97 metres east.
7. Contingent upon the approval of Recommendation No. 6:
 - a. prohibit stopping, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays on the north side of Bank Street, from Sheridan Avenue to a point 97 metres east; and
 - b. prohibit parking, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m., Monday to Friday and at all times Saturday, Sunday, and Public Holidays on the north side of Bank Street, from Sheridan Avenue to a point 97 metres east.

Financial Impact

Funding for the installation signs in the estimated amount of \$500.00 is available within Transportation Services 2010 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services staff has investigated a request from the Toronto Catholic District School Board to introduce a school bus loading zone on the north side of Bank Street fronting St. Veronica Catholic School at 30 Bank Street.

COMMENTS

Bank Street is a local roadway operating one-way in a westbound direction, from Dufferin Street to Sheridan Avenue on a pavement width of 7 metres. The posted speed limit is 40 km/h. The TTC does not operate service along Bank Street.

The following parking regulations are in effect on Bank Street, from Dufferin Street to Sheridan Avenue:

North side

- parking is prohibited from the 1st day to the 15th day of each month, from Apr. 1 to Nov. 30 and at Anytime, from Dec.1 of one year to Mar. 31 of the next following year;
- parking is prohibited except by permit, from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., from the 16th day to the last day of each month, Apr. 1 to Nov. 30;
- parking is allowed for a maximum period of three hours at all other times, from the 16th day to the last day of each month, Apr. 1 to Nov. 30.

South side

- parking is prohibited from the 16th day to the last day of each month, Apr. 1 to Nov. 30;
- parking is prohibited except by permit, from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., from the 1st day to the 15th day of each month, Apr. 1 to Nov. 30 and from Dec. 1 of one year to Mar. 31 of the next following year;
- parking is allowed for a maximum period of three hours at all other times, from the 1st day to the 15th day of each month, Apr. 1 to Nov. 30 and from Dec. 1 of one year to Mar. 31 of the next following year.

The Toronto Catholic District School Board in preparation to begin renovations to St. Ambrose Catholic School, located at 20 Coules Court, in the Etobicoke area is relocating students to St. Veronica Catholic School for a period of approximately two years, commencing the new school term in September 2010. These students will be transported by bus from St. Ambrose Catholic School to St. Veronica Catholic School located on Bank Street.

School buses when picking-up and dropping-off students are required by law to activate their red flashing lights. During this process motorists must stop in all directions until the lights are deactivated. Establishing a school bus loading zone permits school buses to load/unload students without the need to activate the flashers, thus allowing unimpeded traffic flow.

To facilitate these transportation needs, a “School Bus Loading Zone” capable of accommodating 8 school buses and operating between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday is required on the north side of Bank Street, east of Sheridan Avenue.

To accommodate this request staff recommends rescinding the alternate side parking regulations on Bank Street, from Sheridan Avenue to a point 97 metres east and in place thereof, implementing a school bus loading zone on the north side of the street. Parking will be allowed at all times on the south side of Bank Street, from Sheridan Avenue to a point 97 metres east. The current alternate side parking regulations will be retained elsewhere on Bank Street.

The adjustments to the parking regulations on Bank Street will not result in the loss of on-street parking spaces. However, this will reduce the opportunity for staff to provide mechanical street sweeping on both sides of the street on a regular basis.

It is expected that most of these regulatory amendments will stay in place on Bank Street for the next two years or until students can return to their former school in the Etobicoke area.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

(1) Drawing No. 421G-0019, dated May 2010

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