



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

School Bus Loading Zone – 701 Gerrard Street East

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| Date: | June 16, 2010 |
| To: | Toronto and East York Community Council |
| From: | Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District |
| Wards: | Toronto-Danforth, Ward 30 |
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SUMMARY

Transportation Services is seeking authority from City Council to establish a school bus loading zone in front of Eastdale Collegiate on the south side of Gerrard Street East between Boulton Avenue and De Grassi Street. The loading zone will facilitate curb side access for school buses during peak arrival and dismissal times. Traffic operations and TTC streetcar service along Gerrard Street East will not be negatively impacted by the installation, however the installation will result in the loss of pay-and-display parking revenue.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council introduce a school bus loading zone on the south side of Gerrard Street East between a point 12 metres east of Boulton Avenue and a point 8 metres further east operating 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except July and August.
2. City Council rescind the pay-and-display parking regulations on the south side of Gerrard Street East between a point 177 metres east of Broadview Avenue and De Grassi Street operating from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday; 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday; 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday.
3. City Council implement pay-and-display parking regulations on the south side of Gerrard Street East between a point 177 metres east of Broadview Avenue and Boulton Avenue and a point 20 metres east of Boulton Avenue and De Grassi

Street, operating from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday; 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday; 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday.

Financial Impact

The estimated cost of installing signs and poles is \$500.00. Funds have been allocated in the Transportation Services Division 2010 Operating Budget.

The Toronto Parking Authority estimates the loss of revenue associated with the loss of parking in connection with the installation of the school bus loading to be approximately \$5,500.00 annually.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The principal of Eastdale Collegiate Institute has contacted Transportation Services to request the installation of a school bus loading zone in front of the school on Gerrard Street East to minimize conflicts between private vehicles and school buses.

COMMENTS

Gerrard Street East is a two-way, four-lane, minor arterial road having a pavement width of approximately 12 metres. Eastdale Collegiate Institute is located on the south side of Gerrard Street East, between Boulton Avenue and De Grassi Street. The Toronto Transit Commission operates streetcar service along this section of Gerrard Street East with an eastbound transit stop within this block. The parking regulations on the south side of Gerrard Street East between Boulton Avenue and De Grassi Street are as follows:

- stopping is prohibited between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, and at all times within 9 metres of the pedestrian crossover at De Grassi Street;
- standing is prohibited at all times between a point 44 metres east of Boulton Avenue and a point approximately 15 metres further east (TTC stop);
- parking is prohibited at all times between Boulton Avenue and a point 12 metres east; and
- parking is other wise allowed for a maximum three-hour period with pay-and-display parking operating from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday; from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday; and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday.

It is feasible to establish a school bus loading zone in front of the Eastdale Collegiate Institute on the south side of Gerrard Street East, except during the afternoon rush period, between 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm, Monday to Friday, when "Stopping" is prohibited.

The principal has advised that a school bus loading zone of approximately 8 metres in length operating between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except July and August is sufficient to accommodate the mini-type school buses servicing the school.

The proposed school bus loading zone will eliminate approximately one and a half parking spaces during the operating times noted above. Parking would be allowed at other times within the school bus loading zone for a maximum period of three-hours. To simplify parking regulation signage and the operation of parking machines, pay-and-display parking will not operate within the school bus loading zone outside of school hours. The loss of revenue from the parking machine is estimated to be \$ 5,500.00, annually.

Traffic operations and TTC streetcar service on Gerrard Street East will not be negatively impacted by the school bus loading zone.

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