

# STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

# School Area Parking - 270 Manse Road

Date:	March 17, 2014
To:	Scarborough Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District
Wards:	Ward 44, Scarborough East
Reference Number:	P:\2013\Cluster B\TRA\Scarborough\sc1426.docx D13-5140667 – Parking at 270 Manse Road

#### **SUMMARY**

This staff report responds to a request to review the current parking regulations on Manse Road in the vicinity of Joseph Brant Senior Public School located at 270 Manse Road.

Staff recommends "No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" be installed on both sides of Manse Road from Hainford Street to Deanscroft Square. These changes are intended to promote the safe and efficient flow of two-way traffic on Manse Road in the vicinity of the school.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **Transportation Services recommends that:**

- 1. City Council rescind the parking regulations, as identified in Appendix 1 of this report.
- 2. City Council enact the parking regulations, as identified in Appendix 2 of this report.

#### **Financial Impact**

The financial cost of installing the subject recommended parking signs is approximately \$1,500.00. The funding for the signs is available in the Transportation Services 2014 Operating Budget, within Cost Centre TP0397.

#### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

This report responds to concerns raised at a meeting with Councillor Ron Moeser, school personnel, area representatives and staff from the Transportation Services Division. Prior to this meeting, observations of on-street parking activity were conducted during school admission and dismissal times by Transportation Services staff. Severe traffic congestion from vehicles parked on both sides of the street was discussed.

The current regulations on Manse Road by Joseph Brant Senior Public School area are as follows:

#### Manse Road – School (West Side)

- "No Parking Anytime" from Lawrence Avenue East to Coronation Drive.
- "No Stopping Anytime" both sides from 50 metres south of Hainford Street to a point 110 metres south of Hainford Street.
- "School Bus Loading Zone" signs are posted on-street in front of the school driveway loop.

#### Manse Road – Opposite Side (East Side)

- "No Parking Anytime" from a point 110 metres south of Hainford Street to a point 55 metres south.
- "No Parking Anytime" from a point 152 metres south of Lawrence Avenue East to Lawrence Avenue East.
- Unsigned default "3 hour permitted parking" north of Deanscroft Square.

Appropriate "School Area" signs are in place on Manse Road to warn motorists that school children may be crossing the street. The signs are clearly visible and posted in accordance with City of Toronto Policy and the Ontario Traffic Manual.

To assess school parking activity, staff conducted a school zone review on Thursday, March 7, 2013, during the arrival and dismissal times from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

During both the morning and afternoon studies, a few caregivers did elect to stop temporarily and discharge their children on both sides of Manse Road, in the signed "No Parking Anytime" and "No Stopping" areas. This practice required children to manoeuvre from between parked vehicles in order to cross the road. This also promoted random mid-block crossings from the opposite side of the street in front of through traffic.

The parked/stopped vehicles on both sides of the road restricted two-way traffic flow and obstructed the view of pedestrians crossing at the pedestrian crossover (PXO) just to the north of the school.

Typically in school areas, staff recommend the installation of "school side" parking and "opposite side" no stopping regulations when road width and vehicle usage patterns allow. Due to the limited width of Manse Road and ongoing traffic demand generated from both inside and outside the school, in this instance staff are recommending that motorists park in the surrounding area away from the front of the school.

#### **COMMENTS**

The following characteristics describe this part of Manse Road:

- Joseph Brant Senior Public School is located on the west side of Manse Road between Lawrence Avenue East and Deanscroft Square. The area around the school is comprised of single family residential dwellings and townhouses.
- The posted speed limit on this section of Manse Road is 40 km/h.
- Manse Road is classified as a two lane collector road with an anticipated daily traffic of between 2,500 to 8,000 vehicles per day.
- There are "No Heavy Truck" prohibitions in effect on this portion of Manse Road.
- Manse Road has a pavement width of approximately 8.5 metres.
- Continuous sidewalks are provided on both sides of Manse Road from Lawrence Avenue East and Deanscroft Square.
- Heron Park Community Recreation Centre is located on the west side of Manse Road approximately 200 metres north of the school.
- A school driveway/bus loop on school property is provided for both parents and small/large school buses to drop-off/pick-up children just south of the main school doors. While this loop eases some school focused vehicular demand, it is insufficient to accommodate all motorists destined to/from this school.

Adoption of the stringent parking regulations will recognize that on-street temporary parking is not suitable at this school. Caregivers attending to children at this school will be required to find other nearby parking areas if they cannot be accommodated within the school's bus bay/turning loop.

The proposed on-street parking regulations should provide a safer environment for both motorists and pedestrians and better enable parking enforcement when required.

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#### **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1. Appendix 1, 2 By-law Amendment (Rescind)
- 2. Appendix 2 By-law Amendment (Enact)
- 3. Location Plan (School Area Parking 270 Manse Road)

# Appendix 1 "No Parking" Regulations to be Rescinded

(From Column 1 Highway)	(From Column 2 Side)	From	(From Column 3 To)	(From Column 4 Times and/or Days)
Manse Road	West	Lawrence Avenue East	Coronation Drive	Anytime
Manse Road	East	A point 152.5 metres south of Lawrence Avenue East	Lawrence Avenue East	Anytime
Manse Road	East	A point 110 metres south of Hainford Street	A point 55 metres further south	Anytime

# "School Bus Loading Zones" Regulations to be Rescinded

(From Column 1 Highway)	(From Column 2 Side)	(From Column 3 Between)	(From Column 4 Times and/or Days)
Manse Road	West	A point 219 metres south of Lawrence Avenue East and a point 40 metres further south	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Manse Road	West	A point 175 metres north of Deanscroft Square and a point 47 metres further north	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## Appendix 2

## "School Bus Loading Zones" Regulation to be Enacted

(In	(In	(In	(In
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Highway)	Side)	Between)	Times and/or Days)
Manse Road	West	A point 391 metres south of Lawrence Avenue East to a point 437 metres south of Lawrence Avenue East	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

# "No Stopping" Regulations to be Enacted

(In Column 1 Highway)	(In Column 2 Side)	(In Column 3 Between)	(In Column 4 Prohibited Times and/or Days)
Manse Road	East	Hainford Street and a point opposite the north limit of Deanscroft Square	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday
Manse Road	West	A point 251 metres south of Lawrence Avenue East and a point 391 metres south of Lawrence Avenue East	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday
Manse Road	West	A point 437 metres south of Lawrence Avenue East and the north limit of Deanscroft Square	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday

# "No Parking" Regulations to be Enacted

(In Column 1 Highway)	(In Column 2 Side)	(In Column 3 Between)	(In Column 4 Prohibited Times and/or Days)
Manse Road	Both	Lawrence Avenue East and Hainford Street	Anytime
Manse Road	West	A point 251 metres south of Lawrence Avenue East and a point 391 metres south of Lawrence Avenue East	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday
Manse Road	West	A point 437 metres south of Lawrence Avenue East and Deanscroft Square	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday
Manse Road	East	Hainford Street and a point opposite Deanscroft Square	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday
Manse Road	Both	Deanscroft Square and Coronation Drive	Anytime