

## **School Bus Loading Zone – Dentonia Park Avenue**

**Date:** October 6, 2016  
**To:** Toronto and East York Community Council  
**From:** Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District  
**Wards:** Ward 31, Beaches - East York

### **SUMMARY**

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This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision, provided that it is not amended so that it varies with City policy or by-laws.

Transportation Services is requesting to implement a school bus loading zone on the south side of Dentonia Park Avenue for a satellite location of George Webster Elementary School, located at No. 90 Balfour Avenue. There is no school bus loading zone presently provided and the proposed area will provide space for two school buses. There will be no impacts to the overnight permit parking on this street.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council designate a school bus loading zone to operate from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Dentonia Park Avenue, between a point 104 metres west of Dawes Road and a point 30 metres further west.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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All costs associated with the necessary signage installation are included within the Transportation Services 2017 Operating Budget estimates.

## DECISION HISTORY

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This report addresses a new initiative.

## COMMENTS

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Dentonia Park Avenue, between Dawes Road and Palmer Avenue, is a local road that operates with two-way traffic. It has a posted speed limit of 30 km/h and a pavement width of 7.3 metres. There is no TTC service provided on Dentonia Park Avenue and heavy vehicles are prohibited at all times. The parking regulations on this section of Dentonia Park Avenue are as follows:

### North side:

- "No Parking, Anytime".

### South side:

- "No Parking, Anytime", from a point 84 metres west of Dawes Road to a point 20 metres further west;
- "No Parking Except by Permit, 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. daily", from Dawes Road to a point 84 metres west of Dawes Road, and from a point 104 metres west of Dawes Road to Palmer Avenue; and
- Three-hour time limit parking, all other times (unsigned, statutory).

A school is located at No. 90 Balfour Avenue and has frontage on the north side of Balfour Avenue and the south side of Dentonia Park Avenue. In 2011, a school bus loading zone for eight school buses was designated on Dentonia Park Avenue for students that were temporarily relocated to this site from St. Nicholas Catholic School (Item TE9.62). This school bus loading zone was removed in 2014 (Item TE30.72) as it was no longer required.

Transportation Services have been advised that George Webster Elementary School started operating a satellite location at No. 90 Balfour Avenue for students in Grades 6, 7 and 8 in the 2015/16 school year. The school has subsequently determined that it requires a location for school buses to load and unload students. They advise that space for two school buses is required on the south side of Dentonia Park Avenue.

Transportation Services have no objections to this request, which will enhance safety for children, minimize conflicts between private vehicles, and improve loading operations during peak arrival and dismissal times at the school. This designation will result in loss of five on street parking spaces on Dentonia Park Avenue during the weekday daytime periods. There will be no impacts to the overnight permit parking.

Councillor Janet Davis has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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1. Drawing No. 421G-2283, dated October 2016

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