

Parking and Stopping Amendments - Freshmeadow Drive

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To: North York Community Council

From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 17 - Don Valley North

SUMMARY

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates bus service on Freshmeadow Drive, City Council approval of this report is required.

Transportation Services is requesting North York Community Council to amend the existing parking and stopping restrictions on Freshmeadow Drive, in the vicinity of Arbor Glen Public School.

The proposed amendments to the current parking and stopping restrictions will address both the residents and school administration's concerns and improve the overall safety for pedestrians as well as maintain an acceptable level of service for the traffic flow.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council rescind the existing No Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side of Freshmeadow Drive between Townsend Road and a point opposite the westerly limit of Applegate Crescent (west intersection).
2. City Council rescind the existing No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Freshmeadow Drive between a point 164.7 metres east of Don Mills Road and a point 369.1 metres east of Don Mills Road
3. City Council prohibit stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the north side of Freshmeadow Drive between Townsend Road and a point opposite the westerly limit of Applegate Crescent (west intersection).

4. City Council authorize parking for a maximum of 10 minutes from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Freshmeadow Drive between a point 164.7 metres east of Don Mills Road and a point 369.1 metres east of Don Mills Road.

5. City Council prohibit parking, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. of one day to 7:00 a.m. of the next following day Monday to Friday; Anytime, Saturday and Sunday, on the south side of Freshmeadow Drive between a point 164.7 metres east of Don Mills Road and a point 369.1 metres east of Don Mills Road.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the amendments of the parking and stopping amendments on Freshmeadow Drive are included within the Transportation Services 2019 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services was requested by the local Ward Councillor to review the feasibility of changing the current parking and stopping regulations along Freshmeadow Drive, in the vicinity of Arbor Glen Public School, in order to address speeding and parking issues.

Freshmeadow Drive is a 12 metre wide roadway and is classified as a collector roadway between Townsend Road and Cliffwood Road. It operates two-way and has a posted speed limit of 40 km/h in the vicinity of Arbor Glen Public School. Sidewalks exist on both sides of Freshmeadow Drive. The area is primarily comprised of single-detached homes, with the exception of the townhouse complexes located on the north side of Freshmeadow Drive between Yellow Birchway and Song Meadoway. Freshmeadow Drive between Don Mills Road and Cliffwood Road is considered a Community Safety Zone. Heavy vehicles are prohibited at all times. TTC operates bus services 25 Leslie, 51 Leslie and 925 Don Mills Express southbound on Townsend Road to Freshmeadow Drive, and westbound to Don Mills Road.

Arbor Glen Public School is located on the south side of Townsend Drive. A student pick-up/drop-off area exists within the school's property, which is connected to the staff parking lot on the east side of the property.

The current parking/stopping regulations on Freshmeadow Drive are as follows:

- No Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side of Freshmeadow Drive between Townsend Road and a point opposite the westerly limit of Applegate Crescent (west intersection).
- No Parking, anytime, on the north side of Freshmeadow Drive between Don Mills Road and a point 30.5 metres east of Townsend Road.
- No Parking, anytime, on the south side of Freshmeadow Drive between Don Mills Road and a point 369 metres east of Don Mills Road.
- No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Freshmeadow Drive between a point 164.7 metres east of Don Mills Road and a point 369.1 metres east of Don Mills Road.

The proposed parking and stopping regulations are as follows:

- Prohibit stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the north side of Freshmeadow Drive between Townsend Road and a point opposite the westerly limit of Applegate Crescent (west intersection).
- Authorize parking for a maximum of 10 minutes from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Freshmeadow Drive between a point 164.7 metres east of Don Mills Road and a point 369.1 metres east of Don Mills Road.
- Prohibit parking, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. of one day to 7:00 a.m. of the next following day Monday to Friday; Anytime, Saturday and Sunday, on the south side of Freshmeadow Drive between a point 164.7 metres east of Don Mills Road and a point 369.1 metres east of Don Mills Road.

Along with the parking amendments, Transportation Services staff has recommended narrowing the width of the roadway on Freshmeadow Drive between Townsend Road and Song Meadoway by installing pavement markings and planter boxes, specifically. The through lanes on Freshmeadow Drive, between Townsend Road and Song Meadoway, would be narrowed through the use of an edge line treatment. A buffer area will be created between the through lane and the sidewalk. The width of this buffer area will be 3.1 metres on each side of the road in the narrowest sections and 3.2 metres on each side in the widest sections. These pavement markings will provide visual cues to motorists to reduce their speeds and will provide greater separation between motorists and pedestrians on the sidewalks. Along with the installation of the pavement markings, staff recommended supplementing the narrowing on the north side with concrete planter boxes that will be placed on the street at regular intervals over the entire length of the narrowing. Also, we will be enhancing the narrowing on the south side with concrete planter boxes that will be placed on the street, but only at the beginning of the narrowing to continue to allow parking in-between.

The proposed short-term parking area on the south side will provide a clear area for parents and guardians to pick-up and drop-off students, but will encourage parking turnover.

The proposed changes will address the school administration's concerns and improve the overall safety for pedestrians, as well as maintain an acceptable level of service for the traffic flow, within the vicinity of Arbor Glen Public School.

The Ward Councillor is aware of the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - Parking and Stopping Amendments - Freshmeadow Drive

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