

Clause embodied in Report No. 13 of the Humber York Community Council, as adopted by the Council of the City of Toronto at its regular meeting held on November 26, 27 and 28, 2002.

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Pelham Avenue, south side; Brother Edmund Rice Secondary School; Establishment of a School Bus Loading Zone (Davenport, Ward 17)

(City Council at its regular meeting held on November 26, 27 and 28, 2002, adopted this Clause, without amendment.)

The Humber York Community Council recommends the adoption of the following report (October 26, 2002) from the Director, Transportation Services, District 1:

Purpose:

To establish a School Bus Loading Zone on the south side of Pelham Avenue fronting Brother Edmund Rice Secondary School.

Financial Implications and Impact Statement:

Funds to undertake the necessary sign installation in the estimated amount of \$300.00 are available in the Transportation Services Division 2002 Operating Budget.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) a School Bus Loading Zone be established on the south side of Pelham Avenue between Uxbridge Avenue and Laughton Avenue; and
- (2) the appropriate City Officials be requested to take whatever action is necessary to give effect to the foregoing, including the introduction in Council of any Bills that may be required.

Comments:

At the request of the Toronto District Catholic School Board, in consultation with Councillor Betty Disero, Transportation staff have investigated the feasibility of establishing a School Bus Loading Zone on the south side of Pelham Avenue fronting Brother Edmund Rice Secondary School at Premises No. 55 Pelham Avenue.

Pelham Avenue is classified as a local roadway operating two-way between Osler Street and Laughton Avenue with a pavement width of 7.4 metres. The following parking regulations are in effect on Pelham Avenue:

North side

- Standing is prohibited between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, from Uxbridge Avenue to Laughton Avenue;
- Parking is prohibited at all times between Uxbridge Avenue and Laughton Avenue;
- Parking is prohibited between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, from Osler Street to a point 35 metres west of Uxbridge Avenue;
- Parking is allowed for a maximum period of three hours between Uxbridge Avenue and a point 35 metres west thereof;

South side

- Standing is prohibited between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday to Friday from Uxbridge Avenue to Laughton Avenue; and
- Parking is prohibited at all times between Osler Street and Laughton Avenue.

Where parking is allowed, the permit parking system operates on Pelham Avenue between 12:01 a.m. and 7:00 a.m., daily.

The establishment of a School Bus Loading Zone on the south side of Pelham Avenue fronting Brother Edmund Rice Secondary School is feasible, but only between Uxbridge Avenue and Laughton Avenue. Given that parking is allowed on the north side of Pelham Avenue west of Uxbridge Avenue, coupled with the two-way traffic operation and 7.4 metre pavement width, a School Bus Loading Zone on the south side of the street west of Uxbridge Avenue would narrow the travelled portion of the roadway and impede two-way traffic flow. Further, a parked school bus would obstruct motorists' view of the eastbound "Stop" sign at Uxbridge Avenue and pedestrians in the crosswalk. Parking could be prohibited on the north side of the street west of Uxbridge Avenue during school hours to provide for two-way traffic flow. However, area residents would most likely object to this proposal, as this parking is the only available daytime parking during weekdays on Pelham Avenue. The prohibition would also require the removal of a designated disabled person's parking space. Accordingly, the only feasible location for a School Bus Loading Zone on the south side of Pelham Avenue fronting the school is between Uxbridge Avenue and Laughton Avenue.

Conclusion:

The establishment of a School Bus Loading Zone on the south side of Pelham Avenue fronting Brother Edmund Rice Secondary School is feasible between Uxbridge Avenue and Laughton Avenue.

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(The Attachment referred to in the foregoing report was forwarded to all Members of the Humber York Community Council with the agenda for its meeting on November 12, 2002, and a copy is on file in the office of the City Clerk, York Civic Centre.)