Windermere Avenue - Stopping Regulation Amendments

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To: Etobicoke York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards: Ward 13 – Parkdale–High Park
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SUMMARY
The purpose of this report is to obtain approval to implement a "No Stopping, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" regulation on the west side of Windermere Avenue, between Waller Avenue and St. Olaves Road (opposite Swansea Public School).

This new regulation is to discourage motorists from stopping temporarily to receive and discharge passengers on the side of the street opposite the school. As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates transit service on this street, City Council approval of this report is required.

RECOMMENDATIONS
Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council approve rescinding the “No Parking” regulation that applies from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday to Friday on the west side of Windermere Avenue between Waller Avenue and St. Olaves Road.

2. City Council approve enacting a “No Stopping” regulation that would apply from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the west side of Windermere Avenue between Waller Avenue and St. Olaves Road.

Financial Impact

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ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services attended a meeting at Swansea Public School to discuss parking and traffic concerns in the area of the school. The parking concerns related to motorists parking in close proximity to intersections near the school, as well as motorists parking to receive and discharge passengers on the west side of Windermere Avenue opposite the school. This practice results in students crossing at mid-block locations and also motorists parked on both sides of the street.

COMMENTS

Windermere Avenue is an 8.5 metre wide, two-way, collector road with a speed limit of 40 km/h. The street has sidewalks on both sides. The surrounding land area consists of residential dwellings. Swansea Public School, at 207 Windermere Avenue, is located on the southeast corner of Windermere Avenue and Waller Avenue. A pedestrian crossover (PXO) exists on Windermere Avenue at St. Olaves Road.

Currently, parking is prohibited anytime on the east side of the street near the school. On the west side of the street, opposite the school, parking is prohibited between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday (the by-law states that parking is prohibited between 7:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, however, the signs state 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday). Overnight on-street permit parking is also posted on the west side of the street in this area. In addition, a railing exists along the edge of the sidewalk for the majority of the east side of the street abutting the school property. This railing physically prevents motorists from stopping and picking up or dropping off passengers. See attached map.

Although the majority of motorists dropping off and picking up children appropriately use the available parking on the area side streets, some motorists were observed during admission and dismissal times dropping off children on the west side of Windermere Avenue. Although this area is signed as "No Parking" during the day, under this regulation, standing temporarily while engaged in dropping off and picking up passengers is allowed. To further discourage motorists from this practice, replacing the parking regulation with a “No Stopping” regulation from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the west side of Windermere Avenue between Waller Avenue and St. Olaves Road will not allow motorists to stop in this area to receive or discharge passengers. This will improve safety in the area of the school by discouraging mid-block crossings and improve traffic flow on Windermere Avenue.
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map – Parking Regulations