



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Changes to Student Pick-up/Drop-off Area – Spruce Hill Road

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Beaches-East York, Ward 32
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SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

At the request of the Principal of St. Denis Catholic School, Transportation Services is seeking authority to change the 10-minute maximum parking regulation associated with the student pick-up/drop-off area on Spruce Hill Road to a parking prohibition. This is intended to increase the capacity of the pick-up/drop-off area and mitigate complete blockages of the street.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Rescind the “No Parking, 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. of one day to 8:00 a.m. of the next following day, Monday to Friday and at anytime on Saturday, Sunday and public holidays” regulation on the west side of Spruce Hill Road, between a point 47.7 metres north of Queen Street East and a point 55.3 metres further north.
2. Rescind the "10-minute maximum parking, 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday" regulation on the west side of Spruce Hill Road, between a point 47.7 metres north of Queen Street East and a point 55.3 metres further north.

3. Implement a “No Parking Anytime” regulation on the west side of Spruce Hill Road, between a point 47.7 metres north of Queen Street East and a point 55.3 metres further north.

Financial Impact

Funding for this work in the estimated amount of \$500.00 is available within the Transportation Services Division 2011 Interim Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The Principal of St. Denis Catholic School, in consultation with Transportation Services, has requested the 10-minute maximum parking regulation associated with the student pick-up/drop-off area on Spruce Hill Road be changed to a parking prohibition. This is intended to increase the capacity of the pick-up/drop-off area.

COMMENTS

St. Denis Catholic School is bounded by Balsam Avenue on the west side and Spruce Hill Road on the east side, just north of Queen Street East. There is a school bus loading zone on Balsam Avenue at the front of the school. The subject student pick-up/drop-off area is 55.3 metres long and located at the rear of the school on the west side of Spruce Hill Road. Spruce Hill Road is a 6.1 metre-wide, one-way southbound local roadway without TTC service.

Generally, parking is prohibited on the west side of Spruce Hill Road and allowed for up to three hours on the east side. However, during school arrival and dismissal times parking is allowed on the west side for up to 10 minutes in the student pick-up/drop-off area while stopping is prohibited on the east side (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday).

Observations revealed that parents frequently park on both sides of Spruce Hill Road when dropping off and picking up their children because the pick-up/drop-off area is fully occupied. Furthermore, many of these vehicles park for longer than the allowed 10 minutes. Due to the narrow width of Spruce Hill Road it is impassable when vehicles are parked on both sides. Frequent requests for parking enforcement have been ineffective in addressing this problem.

It is feasible to change the 10-minute maximum parking regulation to a parking prohibition. Parents will be able to pick-up and drop-off their children in this area, but they will not be allowed to leave their cars to accompany them to and from school. This would significantly increase pick-up/drop-off capacity in the designated area, thereby minimizing the need to park on both sides of the road. It would also be easier for parking enforcement to monitor.

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