



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED**

**School Bus Loading Zone – Sammon Avenue**

<b>Date:</b>	December 9, 2010
<b>To:</b>	Toronto and East York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Toronto-Danforth, Ward 29
<b>Reference Number:</b>	Ts2011012te.top.doc

**SUMMARY**

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

Transportation Services is seeking authority to amend the parking regulations on the north side of Sammon Avenue, between Monarch Park Avenue and Bonnie Brae Avenue, to extend the existing school bus loading zone to provide space for additional buses receiving and discharging children attending La Mosaique Elementary School located at No. 80 Queensdale Avenue.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:**

- (1) Approve the extension of the existing School Bus Loading Zone (SBLZ) on the south side of Sammon Avenue, at the rear of La Mosaique Elementary School, 80 Queensdale Avenue, by 13 metres to the west and 25 metres to the east.

**Financial Impact**

Funds to undertake the necessary signage adjustments in the estimated amount of \$200 are contained in the Transportation Services Division 2011 Interim Operating Budget.

**ISSUE BACKGROUND**

East York Borough Council enacted By-law No. 95-84, implementing a school bus loading zone at the rear of the school located on the south side of Sammon Avenue, west of Danforth Avenue.

Transportation Services has reviewed the feasibility of extending the existing school bus loading zone in response to a request from the school principal to provide additional space for more school buses.

## **COMMENTS**

Sammon Avenue, between Monarch Park Avenue and Bonnie Brae Avenue is a collector road operating two-way east/west with a pavement width of 8.3 metres. This roadway has speed humps on it and a maximum speed limit of 30 km/h. Parking is prohibited at anytime on the south side, is allowed on the north side, by permit only, between the hours of 11 pm and 5 am, and is otherwise allowed on the north side for a maximum period of 3 hours. A School Bus Loading Zone is currently delineated on the south side of Sammon Ave from the east curb line of Bonnie Brae Avenue to a point 30.5 metres east. This School Bus Loading Zone can currently accommodate two full-sized School Buses.

La Mosaique Elementary School has need of parking for ten buses. The existing curb space on the south side of Sammon Avenue abutting the school property is only sufficient for five full-sized school buses. Discussions with the Toronto French School Board, have resulted in an agreement on their part, to stagger the buses' arrival at the school.

The extension of the existing School Bus Loading Zone on the south side of Sammon Avenue abutting La Mosaique Elementary School could be from its current 30.5 metre length to a length of 68.5 metres so as to include the entire width of the school property. This extension would provide for five full-sized school buses and would simplify the scheduling of school buses, while not causing any operational issues for traffic or parking on this street.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **LIST OF ATTACHMENTS**

(1) Drawing No. 421F-0193, dated December 2010

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