



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### School Bus Loading Zone – Dufferin Street

<b>Date:</b>	May 10, 2012
<b>To:</b>	Etobicoke York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 17 – Davenport
<b>Reference Number:</b>	p:\2012\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc120079-to

#### SUMMARY

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Transportation Services is seeking authority to amend the existing parking regulations on the east side of Dufferin Street to introduce a school bus loading zone. The change will facilitate the loading/unloading of buses transporting students to/from St. Mary of the Angels Catholic School, 1477 Dufferin Street.

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

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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**Transportation Services recommends that City Council approve:**

1. Rescinding the existing "No Parking 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., except Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays" regulation on the east side of Dufferin Street, from Beaver Avenue to Brandon Avenue.
2. Rescinding the existing "No Parking Anytime" regulation on the east side of Dufferin Street, from Beaver Avenue to Rosemount Avenue.
3. Rescinding the existing "No Stopping 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., except Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays" regulation on the east side of Dufferin Street, from Dundas Street to Eglinton Avenue.
4. Rescinding the existing "Parking for 60 Minutes from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" regulation on the east side of Dufferin Street, from Beaver Avenue to Brandon Avenue.

5. Enacting a "No Stopping Anytime" regulation on the east side of Dufferin Street, from a point 80 metres south of Davenport Road to a point 35 metres further south.
6. Approve the installation of a "School Bus Loading Zone", on the east side of Dufferin Street, from a point 80 metres south of Davenport Road to a point 7.5 metres further south.
7. Enacting a "No Parking 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., except Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays" regulation on the east side of Dufferin Street, from a point 115 metres south of Davenport Road to Brandon Avenue.
8. Enacting a "No Parking Anytime" regulation on the east side of Dufferin Street, from a point 80 metres south of Davenport Road to Rosemount Avenue.
9. Enacting a "No Stopping 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., except Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays" regulation on the east side of Dufferin Street, from Dundas Street to a point 115 metres south of Davenport Road and from a point 80 metres south of Davenport Road to Eglinton Avenue.
10. Enacting a "Parking for 60 Minutes from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" regulation on the east side of Dufferin Street, from a point 115 metres south of Davenport Road to Brandon Avenue.

### **Financial Impact**

<b>Type of Funding</b>	<b>Source of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$1,600.00

### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Transportation Services staff has investigated a request from the Toronto Catholic District School Board to introduce a school bus loading zone on the east side of Dufferin Street fronting St. Mary of the Angels Catholic School at 1477 Dufferin Street.

### **COMMENTS**

Dufferin Street is a 12.8 metre wide two-way major arterial road from Dupont Street to Davenport Road. The speed limit is 50 km/h. The Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates bus service on Dufferin Street. The abutting properties are mainly residential homes. Maps of the area are Attachment 1 and Attachment 2, which illustrates the existing and recommended parking regulations. Although a school bus loading zone does not exist, small school buses who service this school do currently load and unload passengers on Dufferin Street.

With the agreement of staff representing the Toronto Catholic District School Board and the school principal, Transportation Services will remove a small portion of the north section of guardrail abutting the school property. This will allow for the installation of a school bus loading zone.

The guard rail was installed over 25 years ago to prevent any pedestrians running on to Dufferin Street, when exiting from the main doors. The length of the guard rail is about 35 metres long which covers the main doors and also the doors at the north end of the school where the school bus loading zone will be installed. We have been advised that the doors at the north end of the school are not used for regular admission and dismissal. As such, the concern of students exiting and walking directly on to the road does not exist at this location.

In addition to recommending the school bus loading zone, we are also proposing to amend the existing regulation on Dufferin Street to prohibit stopping at all times. This will restrict all other motorists from parking on the east side of the street abutting the guard rail.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Map – Existing Conditions  
Attachment 2: Map – Proposed Conditions