Pick-Up/Drop-off Area – Ancaster Road

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**SUMMARY**

This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision, provided that it is not amended so that it varies with City policy or by-laws.

To obtain approval to amend parking regulations on Ancaster Road in order to accommodate for a pick-up/drop-off area for Ancaster Childcare Centre (45 Ancaster Road).

Amendments to the existing parking regulations will address the parents and daycare's concerns with respects to short term parking.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Transportation Services, North York District recommends that North York Community Council:

1. Approve the removal of No Parking Anytime on the east side of Ancaster Road from the southerly limit of Ancaster Park to the northerly limit of Ancaster Park;

2. Approve the installation of parking for a maximum period of 10 minutes, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Ancaster Road, from Spalding Road to a point 45 metres south;

3. Approve the installation of No Parking Anytime on the east side of Ancaster Road from Regent Road to a point 154 metres north;
4. Approve the installation of No Parking Anytime on the east side of Ancaster Road from Spalding Road to Plewes Road; and

5. Approve the installation of No Stopping from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Ancaster Road from Katherine Road and Spalding Road.

Financial Impact

All costs associated with the installation of a pick-up/drop-off area are included within the Transportation Services Division's 2012 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services, North York District was requested by the Ward Councillor to review the feasibility of amending the existing parking regulations on Ancaster Road in order to accommodate a pick-up/drop-off area for the Ancaster Childcare Centre.

COMMENTS

Ancaster Road is classified as a local roadway with a posted speed limit of 40 km/h. The road has a pavement width of 8.5 metres and municipal sidewalks on both sides.

Located on the west side of Ancaster Road between Spalding Road and Katherine Road is Ancaster Public School. Onsite parking, as well as a drop-off and pick-up area is provided on the school property. The east side of the roadway between Plewes Road and Regent Road is comprised of Ancaster Park, City of Toronto Ancaster Childcare Centre, Ancaster Community Centre and St. Norberts Roman Catholic Church. All three facilities, excluding Ancaster Park, have on-site parking to accommodate their patrons. It should be noted that the Ancaster Community Centre is located across from the driveway access to Ancaster Public School.

Currently, parking is prohibited anytime on the east side of Ancaster Road from Regent Road to Plewes Road. Three hour parking is permitted on the east side of Ancaster Road from Wilson Avenue to Regent Road, on the west side of Ancaster Road from Regent Road and Katharine Road, and on Spalding Road and Plewes Road west of Ancaster Road adjacent to the school site. In addition, motorists are prohibited from stopping on the west side of Ancaster Road, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, from Katherine Road to Spalding Road.

To better accommodate the Ancaster Childcare Centre and parents' concern, the implementation of parking for a maximum period of 10 minutes, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of the Ancaster Road will enable parents to park
for a short duration, promote parking turnover and clearly identify an area where temporal parking can safely take place.

The proposed drop-off and pick-up area will be located to the north of the Ancaster Childcare Centre. In most circumstances, the drop-off and pick-up area would be located in front of the facility. However, in this instance and in order to reduce any potential conflicts with the driveway access to Ancaster Public School which is located on the west side of the roadway, staff has located the drop-off and pick-up area to the north of the Childcare Centre.

In addition to the above, staff has noted that the on-street signage and traffic by-laws on the west side of Ancaster Road between Katherine Road and Spalding Road do not match. Therefore, in order to eliminate any confusion for motorists and to ensure that there are no issues with regards to enforcement of the signage, it is our recommendation to adopt the appropriate corresponding by-law for this section of roadway. As such, No Stopping 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday restriction will be implemented on the west side of Ancaster Road from Katherine Road and Spalding Road.

In view of the above, the proposed amendments will improve the level of safety for pedestrians and motorist, and better regulate drop-off and pick-up activities for the Ancaster Childcare Centre.

The Ward Councillor supports the recommendations contained within this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map – Ancaster Road: Drop-off/Pick-up Area