STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED

School Bus Loading Zone Review – Dorcot Avenue

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**SUMMARY**

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

This staff report concerns the feasibility of adjusting the length of the current School Bus Loading Zone and installing additional parking regulations adjacent to this zone to reduce congestion caused by pick-up and drop-off activities at the school located at 61 Dorcot Avenue.

It is recommended that the School Bus Loading zone be reduced in length to accommodate one small school bus and an additional No Parking zone 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday be implemented on Highbrook Drive, directly adjacent to this loading zone.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Transportation Services recommends that Scarborough Community Council:

1. Rescind the school bus loading zone regulation, as identified in Appendix 1 of this report.

2. Enact the school bus loading zone and parking regulations, as identified in Appendix 2 of this report.

3. Pass or amend the appropriate by-law(s) accordingly.
Financial Impact
The financial cost of installing the reduced School Bus Loading Zone and parking regulation signs are approximately $1000.00. Funding for the signs is available in the Transportation Services 2012 Operating Budget, within Cost Centre TP0397.

ISSUE BACKGROUND
As a result of a request from Councillor Thompson's office, on behalf of concerns from staff and parents of the public school located at 61 Dorcot Avenue, Transportation Services staff conducted a review of the School Bus Loading Zone and adjacent parking regulations. Consultation with school staff identified the required adjustments to the School Bus Loading Zone and the adjacent parking regulations. The current school bus loading zone is to be reduced in length and a No Parking Regulation - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday should be implemented adjacent to the school bus loading zone. It should be noted that several meetings were held with the Parent /Teacher Council, School Officials as well as the Student Body to disseminate information and advise all stakeholders of their respective roles in contributing to traffic safety around the school.

COMMENTS
The following describes Dorcot Avenue and Highbrook Drive (east intersection):

- Both roadways are located south of Ellesmere Road, between Midland Avenue and Brimley Road.
- Both Dorcot Avenue and Highbrook Drive are two-lane roadways that are functioning well within the vehicle volume range for their respective roadway classifications.
- A public school fronts on both Dorcot Avenue and Highbrook Drive.
- There are posted 40 km/h speed limit signs on Dorcot Avenue and Highbrook Drive.
- The school bus loading zone is located on the southeast side of Highbrook Drive at Dorcot Avenue (east intersection), the proposed adjustments will reduce the zone in length to accommodate one small school bus.
- The proposed No Parking 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, is to be located directly adjacent to the school bus loading zone with the intent to enhance sight lines and minimize congestion caused by pick-up and drop-off activities at the school.
- Ample 30 minute permissive parking is located on the south side of Highbrook Drive adjacent to the school grounds. Parents wishing to walk very young students into and from the school are able to park in this designated area.
- The land uses in the subject subdivision consist of detached and semi-detached residential homes. Sidewalks are located on both sides of both roads, and both roads are approximately 8.5 metres wide.
Parking Regulations / School Bus Loading Zone Regulations

We anticipate that the amended School Bus Loading Zone and the No Parking 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday parking regulation will enhance the pedestrian environment in the vicinity of the school while providing for some additional school side drop-off and pick-up area. The amended regulations should clarify enforcement, respond to current demands and contribute to a reduction of conflicts.

The adjusted School Bus Loading Zone will accommodate the school's modified busing requirements.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Appendix 1 – By-law Amendment (rescind)
2. Appendix 2 – By-law Amendment (enact)
3. Location Plan (School Bus Loading Zone Review – Dorcot Avenue)
Appendix 1

"School Bus Loading Zones"
Regulations to be Rescinded

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Appendix 2

"School Bus Loading Zone"
Regulation to be Enacted

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“No Parking”
Regulation to be Enacted

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