

Parking Amendments – Wallace Avenue

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Davenport, Ward 18
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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.

Transportation Services has investigated a request and is recommending installation of a "Student Pick-up/Drop-off Area", with short-term parking on the south side of Wallace Avenue, between Brock Avenue and Pauline Avenue, to serve Pauline Junior Public School (100 Pauline Avenue) and St. Sebastian Elementary Catholic School (717 Brock Avenue).

Delineating a "Student Pick-up/Drop-off Area" on the south side of Wallace Avenue, between Brock Avenue and Pauline Avenue and allowing parking in this area for a maximum of 15-minutes, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday will enable parents picking-up or dropping-off children at Pauline Junior Public School and St. Sebastian Elementary Catholic School to legally park for a short duration. This will resolve many of the parking concerns at these schools and provide up to 12 parking spaces. The regulatory changes will not adversely impact on traffic operation or safety.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Rescind the "No Stopping 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" regulation on the south side of Wallace Avenue, from Brock Avenue to Pauline Avenue.

2. Restrict parking to a maximum of 15-minutes, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.; 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Wallace Avenue, from Brock Avenue to Pauline Avenue.
3. Prohibit parking, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the south side of Wallace Avenue, from Brock Avenue to Pauline Avenue.

Financial Impact

Funding for the installation signs in the estimated amount of \$500.00 is available within Transportation Services 2012 Interim Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services has investigated a request from Councillor Ana Bailão to introduce a "Student Pick-up/Drop-off Area", with short-term parking on the south side of Wallace Avenue flanking St. Sebastian Catholic School (717 Brock Avenue) and Pauline Junior Public School (100 Pauline Avenue).

COMMENTS

Wallace Avenue is a collector roadway operating two-way, from Dufferin Street to Lansdowne Avenue on a pavement width of 7.4 metres. The posted speed limit is 40 km/h. The TTC does not operate service along Wallace Avenue.

The following parking regulations are in effect on Wallace Avenue, from Brock Avenue to Pauline Avenue:

North side

- Parking is prohibited at all times.

South side

- Stopping is prohibited from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.
- Parking is allowed by permit only from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily.
- Parking is otherwise allowed for a maximum period of 3 hours.

Investigation

Pauline Junior Public School has an enrolment of students ranging from junior kindergarten to Grade 6, whereas St. Sebastian Elementary Catholic School has an enrolment of students ranging up to Grade 8. Many parents currently drive their children to these schools. This results in a high demand for short-term parking on both Brock Avenue and Pauline Avenue. There is no specifically designated student pick-up/drop-off area or short duration parking allowed in the vicinity of these schools. Vehicles are constantly coming and going at the schools at peak arrival and dismissal times. Parents generally park illegally on these streets, as well as on Wallace Avenue. This creates safety risks for children as they are often crossing the streets in between illegally parked cars. Toronto Police Service, Parking Enforcement officers are frequently on hand

issuing parking tickets to illegally parked vehicles as a means of discouraging inappropriate parking behaviour.

Despite the foregoing some consideration for parents transporting children to/from school is required. The Principals at Pauline Junior Public School and St. Sebastian Elementary Catholic School have requested through Councillor Bailão that a "Student Pick-up/Drop-off Area" be delineated and that short-term parking be allowed on Wallace Avenue to help accommodate the parking demands of parents at times when children are coming and going at the schools and to clearly identify an area where this activity can safely take place.

Proposed Parking Regulation Changes

Delineating a "Student Pick-up/Drop-off Area" (SPDA) on the south side of Wallace Avenue, from Brock Avenue to Pauline Avenue is feasible and recommended. In conjunction, parking would be allowed in this area for a maximum period of 15-minutes from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.; 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. This will provide a total of twelve (12) parking spaces.

However, permit parking is allowed on the south side of Wallace Avenue, between Brock Avenue and Pauline Avenue outside of the time when the current stopping regulation is in effect. Since permit holders would be exempt from the 15-minute parking restriction and could occupy this parking area throughout the day, defeating the purpose of the SPDA parking should be prohibited during off peak times in SPDA. Therefore, it is also recommended that parking be prohibited from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. to ensure that the SPDA is available for parents picking-up/dropping-off children attending at the schools.

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- (1) Drawing No. 421G-0526, dated December 2011