



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Parking Amendments – Tweedsmuir Avenue

Date:	January 18, 2012
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	St. Paul's, Ward 21
Reference Number:	Ts2012043te.top.doc

SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is requesting approval to implement a 10-minute maximum parking regulation on the west side of Tweedsmuir Avenue, fronting Holy Rosary Catholic School.

Also, in order to accommodate Wheel Trans requirements and to address the need for a location where motorists can temporarily stop their vehicle to pick-up and drop-off passengers at the adjacent church, we are also requesting approval for a passenger loading zone, on the west side of Tweedsmuir Avenue, fronting Holy Rosary Catholic Church.

The implementation of a passenger loading zone on the Tweedsmuir Avenue flankage of Holy Rosary Catholic Church will provide an area where extended parking is not permitted, but enables a Wheel Trans vehicle or other passenger motor vehicle to temporarily stop to pick-up or drop-off passengers.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

- (1) Rescind the School Bus Loading Zone that is in effect on the west side of Tweedsmuir Avenue, from a point 66.0 metres north of St. Clair Avenue West to a point 35.0 metres further north.

- (2) Rescind the “No Stopping” regulation, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Tweedsmuir Avenue, from a point 66.0 metres north of St. Clair Avenue West, to a point 35.0 metres further north.
- (3) Allow parking for a maximum period of ten minutes, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Tweedsmuir Avenue, from a point 66 metres north of St. Clair Avenue West to a point 17.5 metres further north.
- (4) Introduce a School Bus Loading Zone, on the west side of Tweedsmuir Avenue, from a point 83.5 metres north of St. Clair Avenue West to a point 17.5 metres further north.
- (5) Prohibit stopping from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Tweedsmuir Avenue, from a point 83.5 metres north of St. Clair Avenue West, to a point 17.5 metres further north.
- (6) Prohibit standing from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturdays and from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sundays, on the west side of Tweedsmuir Avenue, from a point 33 metres north of St. Clair Avenue West to a point 15 metres further north.
- (7) Rescind the "No Parking at Anytime" regulation, on the west side of Tweedsmuir Avenue, from a point 30.5 metres north of St. Clair Avenue West to a point 83.5 metres further north.

Financial Impact

The estimated cost of installing signs to implement the amended parking regulations is approximately \$1,200.00. Funds to undertake this work are available within the Transportation Services Division 2012 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services has received a request from Councillor Joe Mihevc, on behalf of representatives of Holy Rosary Catholic School and the adjacent Holy Rosary Catholic Church to enhance short-term parking and passenger loading opportunities.

COMMENTS

Tweedsmuir Avenue is a local roadway which operates two-way on a pavement width of 9.7 metres with a maximum speed limit of 40 km/h. There is no TTC service on this street.

On the west side of Tweedsmuir Avenue, parking is prohibited at anytime from Heath Street West to a point 28 metres south of Heath Street West. From this point, to a point 55.7 metres further south, parking is allowed at parking machines between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday. At other times, free parking is allowed for a maximum period of three hours.

A school bus loading zone is in effect on the west side of Tweedsmuir Avenue, from a point 66 metres north of St. Clair Avenue West to a point 35.0 metres further north. Within the school bus loading zone, stopping is prohibited from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Parking when permitted is allowed for a maximum period of three hours.

On the east side of Tweedsmuir Avenue, parking is controlled by parking machines, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday. At other times, free parking is allowed for a maximum period of three hours.

Transportation Services has no objection to allowing parking for a maximum period of 10 minutes in front of Holy Rosary Catholic School. However, we do not endorse overlapping use of a school bus loading zone. Accordingly, we have recommended that the school bus loading zone be reduced in length and a student pick-up and drop-off zone be introduced in the remaining area. This would allow motorists to momentarily stop to pick-up or drop-off a passenger, or park temporarily to escort a child to or from the school without occupying the school bus loading zone and risking a parking infraction.

We also evaluated a proposal to designate an on-street passenger loading zone on the Tweedsmuir Avenue flankage of No. 354 St. Clair Avenue West (Holy Rosary Catholic Church) and have no objections to this proposal. The existing field conditions indicate that parking is allowed for a maximum period of three hours on the west side of Tweedsmuir Avenue, in front of Holy Rosary Catholic Church. The current field conditions provide little turn-over of on-street parking spaces in the vicinity of the church. Parishioners being driven to the church have difficulties finding a curbside space where their vehicle can temporarily stop to allow them to be picked up or dropped off from the church. Accordingly, a passenger loading zone is recommended to operate from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Saturdays and from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sundays.

The former City of York by-law indicates that parking is prohibited at anytime on the west side of Tweedsmuir Avenue, from a point 30.5 metres north of St. Clair Avenue West to a point 83.5 metres north thereof. However, field investigation has determined that this regulation is not signed in the field. Through a check of available records, we could not find any background for this parking regulation. Historically there has been a high demand for on-street parking spaces in this area. Local residents and parishioners constantly use this area for on-street parking. Accordingly, in order to ensure that the entry in the Municipal Code reflects the conditions in the field, it is recommended that this parking regulation be rescinded, as described in Recommendation No. 7, above. Councillor Mihevc's office has been advised of this and supports this proposal.

CONCLUSION

Allowing a 10-minute maximum parking area as well as a school bus loading zone in front of the school should address the pick-up and drop-off activities at the school.

Also, the introduction of a passenger loading zone at the church should address the needs for parishioners being driven to the church either by passenger motor vehicle or by Wheel

Trans. However, enforcement of the parking regulations will be necessary to help ensure that parking turnover is achieved within these areas.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

(1) Drawing No. 421G-0550, dated January 2012

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