



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

School Bus Loading Zone – Westminster Avenue

Date:	May 8, 2012
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Acting Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Parkdale-High Park, Ward 14
Reference Number:	Ts2012107te.top.doc

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 is seeking authority to amend the existing parking regulations on the south side of Westminster Avenue, east of Roncesvalles Avenue, to rescind the school bus loading zone and re-instate the student pick-up/drop-off zone. The Toronto District Catholic School Board have advised renovations at St. Pius X Catholic School are completed and busing of student to/from this school is no longer required. As a result, the temporary school bus loading zone on Westminster Avenue established to facilitate the transportation of students to/from St. Vincent de Paul School at No. 116 Fermanagh Avenue is no longer required. Re-instatement of the student pick-up/drop-off zone will provide an additional seven parking spaces for parents whose children attend St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School during regular school hours.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Rescind the "School Bus Loading Zone" on the south side of Westminster Avenue, from a point 69 metres east of Roncesvalles Avenue to a point 42 metres further east.
2. Rescind the "No Stopping, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays" prohibition on the south side of Westminster Avenue, from a point 69 metres east of Roncesvalles Avenue to a point 42 metres further east.

3. Adjust the existing 15-minute maximum parking limit from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Westminster Avenue, from a point 9 metres east of Roncesvalles Avenue to a point 60 metres further east to apply from a point 9 metres east of Roncesvalles Avenue to a point 102 metres further east.
4. Adjust the existing parking prohibition from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., and 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Westminster Avenue, from a point 9 metres east of Roncesvalles Avenue to a point 60 metres further east to apply from a point 9 metres east of Roncesvalles Avenue to a point 102 metres further east.

Financial Impact

Funding for the signage adjustments in the estimated amount of \$500.00 are available within Transportation Services 2012 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The Toronto Catholic District School Board through Councillor Gord Perks have advised the school bus loading zone on the south side of Westminster Avenue to facilitate the busing of students to/from St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School at No.116 Fermanagh Avenue is no longer required.

COMMENTS

Westminster Avenue is a local roadway operating one-way in an eastbound direction, from Roncesvalles Avenue to Sorauren Avenue, on a pavement width of 7.3 metres. The posted speed limit is 30 km/h (in the presence of traffic calming measures). The TTC does not operate service along this section of Westminster Avenue.

The following parking regulations are in effect on the subject section of Westminster Avenue:

North side

- parking is prohibited at all times.

South side

- parking is prohibited from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., and from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, from a point 9 metres east of Roncesvalles Avenue to a point 60 metres further east;
- parking is allowed for a maximum period of 15 minutes from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, from a point 9 metres east of Roncesvalles Avenue to a point 60 metres further east (student pick-up/drop-off area);
- stopping is prohibited from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, from a point 69 metres east of Roncesvalles Avenue to a point 42 metres further east (school bus loading zone);
- parking is allowed by permit only from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily; and

- parking is otherwise allowed for a maximum period of three hours.

The Toronto Catholic District School Board have completed their renovations at St. Pius X Catholic School, located at No. 71 Jane Street. For the past two years these students were transported by bus from St. Pius X Catholic School and dropped off/picked up at the rear of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School, where it abuts onto Westminster Avenue.

To facilitate these transportation needs, a “School Bus Loading Zone” operating between the hours of 8:00 and 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, was created on the south side of Westminster Avenue.

To accommodate the “School Bus Loading Zone” staff recommended reducing the length of the existing student pick-up/drop-off area where parking was allowed for a maximum period of 15 minutes, from a length of 102 metres to a length of 60 metres. This resulted in a loss of seven short-term parking spaces on Westminster Avenue during the hours that the school bus loading zone was in operation.

The parking amendments noted in this report on Westminster Avenue will re-instate the seven short-term parking spaces for parents whose children attend St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- (1) Drawing No. 421G-0690, dated May 2010

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