Parking/Stopping Amendments – George Street

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**SUMMARY**

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

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval to amend the current parking and stopping regulations on George Street to improve parking and traffic operations as a result of pick-up/drop-off activities associated to H.J. Alexander Community School.

The proposed parking amendments will address concerns related to the traffic congestion on George Street, created by parents parking on both sides of George Street. This recommendation has been discussed with the area Councillor.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve:

1. Rescinding the existing "No Stopping Anytime" regulation on the east side of George Street, between King Street and a point 92.1 metres north thereof.

2. Rescinding the existing "5 Minute Permitted Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" regulation on the east side of George Street from a point 92 metres north of King Street to a point 110 metres further north.

3. Rescinding the existing "5 Minute Permitted Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" regulation on the west side of George Street from 31 metres north of King Street to a point 43 metres further north.
4. Rescinding the existing "No Stopping 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" regulation on the west side of George Street, from a point 74.3 metres north of King Street and a point 72 metres north thereof.

5. Rescinding the existing "No Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" regulation on the west side of George Street, from a point 146.3 metres north of King Street and Church Street.

6. Enacting a "No Stopping Anytime" regulation on the east side of George Street, between King Street and a point 202 metres further north.

7. Enacting a "5 Minute Permitted Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" regulation on the west side of George Street from 31 metres north of King Street to a point 82 metres further north.

8. Enacting a "No Stopping 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" regulation on the west side of George Street, from a point 113 metres north of King Street and a point 33 metres further north.

9. Enacting a "No Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" regulation on the west side of George Street, from a point 146 metres north of King Street and Church Street.

Financial Impact

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ISSUE BACKGROUND

As a result of concerns expressed by the Principal of H. J. Alexander Community School, Toronto Parking Enforcement and the area Councillor, Transportation Services staff was requested to review traffic on George Street and King Street to improve parking and traffic activity associated with student pick-up/drop-off. Maps of the area are Attachment 1 and Attachment 2.

COMMENTS

George Street is a two-way local road, between King Street and Church Street with a maximum speed limit of 40 km/h and has a road width of 7.9 metres. King Street is a two-way local road with a maximum speed limit of 40 km/h and has a road width of 9.1 metres.

H. J. Alexander Community School is located at 30 King Street. The school entrance is located on the west side of George Street. An off-street lay-by is located on the west side of George Street.
St. John The Evangelist Elementary School is located at 23 George Street. The school is located on the east side of the street. In front of the school is an off-street lay-by.

Student pick-up/drop-off activity is occurring on both sides of George Street making it impassable at times for vehicular traffic flow and school buses servicing the school.

To improve traffic circulation on George Street, a plan was prepared in November 2011 so that each school would direct parents in a one-way direction on George Street. Parents of H.J. Alexander Public School were instructed to enter George Street from Church Street and drive southbound on George Street. Parents of St. John The Evangelist Elementary School were instructed to enter George Street from King Street and drive northbound on George Street. This provided an informal one-way looping system for each school while encouraging motorists to pull-up adjacent to their schools for pick-ups and drop-offs, reducing the parking on both sides of the street that caused congestion and resulted in students crossing the street.

However, St. John The Evangelist Elementary School has been temporary closed since July of 2012. In addition, due to Metrolinx Union Pearson Express project, King Street is currently closed for through traffic at Weston Road and at the railway corridor. As a result, vehicles travelling southbound on George Street have to turn around to exit by travelling northbound on George Street. There is more congestion now than before November 2011 as the previously proposed informal looping on-street system is no longer accessible.

Parking amendments to rescind the existing "5 Minute Permitted Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" on the east side of George Street fronting St. John The Evangelist Elementary School and implement a "No Stopping Anytime" prohibition will provide a clearly defined lane of traffic for northbound direction. In addition, proposed is an extension of the existing "5 Minute Permitted Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" on the west side of George Street fronting H.J. Alexander Public School to provide additional parking for motorists to park for pick up/drop-off activity. These above mentioned amendments will alleviate the congestion caused by the closure of King Street and improve two-way traffic flow on George Street.

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