Student Pick-Up/Drop-Off Zone – Morse Street

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To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards: Toronto-Danforth, Ward 30
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SUMMARY
This staff report is about a matter for which Toronto and East York Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Transportation Services is seeking authority to establish a short-term parking area on the east side of Morse Street, between Eastern Avenue and Queen Street East, to serve the Morse Street Junior Public School (No. 180 Carlaw Avenue).

Delineating a student pick-up/drop-off zone on the east side of Morse Street and allowing parking for a maximum period of 15-minutes, from 8:40 a.m. to 9:15 a.m., and from 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., Monday to Friday, will enable parents the added option to legally park for a short time on Morse Street. This will resolve many of the parking concerns expressed by the school principal and provide up to 19 additional short-term parking spaces. An existing student pick-up/drop-off zone exists on the west side of Carlaw Avenue at the front of the school.

A companion report, entitled "Student Pick-Up/Drop-Off Zone – Carlaw Avenue", which requires City Council approval, has also been submitted to Toronto and East York Community Council to extend the maximum parking time limit for the student pick-up/drop-off zone on Carlaw Avenue from 10 to 20 minutes.

RECOMMENDATIONS
Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Rescind the "No Parking 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday", regulation on the east side of Morse Street, between a point 45.7 metres south of Queen Street East and a point 126.5 metres further south.
2. Prohibit parking on the east side of Morse Street, between a point 47 metres south of Queen Street East and a point 32 metres further south, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

3. Prohibit parking on the east side of Morse Street, between a point 79 metres south of Queen Street East and a point 104 metres further south, from 8:30 a.m. to 8:40 a.m., from 9:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and from 3:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

4. Allow parking for a maximum period of 15 minutes on the east side of Morse Street, between a point 79 metres south of Queen Street East and a point 104 metres further south, from 8:40 a.m. to 9:15 a.m., and from 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Financial Impact
Funds to undertake the necessary signage adjustments in the estimated amount of $1,000.00 are contained within Transportation Services 2013 Interim Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND
Transportation Services, in consultation with Councillor Paula Fletcher, has investigated a request from the principal of the Morse Street Junior Public School to establish a student pick-up/drop-off zone with short-term parking on the east side of Morse Street at the rear of the school and to extend the maximum parking limit of the existing student pick-up/drop-off zone on Carlaw Avenue from a maximum of 10 minutes to 20 minutes.

Given that the TTC operates a bus service on Carlaw Avenue, the issue of extending the maximum parking limit of the existing student pick-up/drop-off on Carlaw Avenue is not a delegated matter for which Community Council has final approval. A separate companion report entitled "Student Pick-Up/Drop-Off – Carlaw Avenue" has been submitted to Toronto and East York Community Council on this matter for consideration and final approval by City Council.

COMMENTS
Morse Street, between Eastern Avenue and Queen Street East, is a local road operating one-way northbound with a pavement width of 7.3 metres and a maximum speed limit of 40 km/h. The TTC does not operate service along Morse Street.

The following parking regulations are in effect on Morse Street, between Eastern Avenue and Queen Street East:

West side
- No parking anytime;
East side

- No parking anytime between Queen Street East and a point 47 metres south;
- No parking 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, between a point 47 metres south of Queen Street East and a point 126.5 metres further south;
- One-hour maximum parking limit 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., between Eastern Avenue and a point 122 metres north thereof;
- Permit parking from 12:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily; and
- Three-hour parking at other times.

A student pick-up/drop-off zone with a 10-minute maximum parking limit between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, is signed on the west side of Carlaw Avenue in front of the school.

The principal of the Morse Street Junior Public School has requested that a student pick-up/drop-off zone be delineated and that short-term parking be allowed on Morse Street to give parents the option of picking-up and dropping-off their children on Morse Street at the rear of the school where traffic volumes are significantly lighter than Carlaw Avenue.

Parking is presently prohibited at the rear of the school on the east side of Morse Street between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. As requested by the principal, a student pick-up/drop-off zone could be delineated within a portion of this area to accommodate approximately 19 vehicles. Parking would be restricted to a maximum period of 15 minutes from 8:40 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., Monday to Friday (school arrival and dismissal times). Parking within the pick-up/drop-off zone would be prohibited between 8:30 a.m. and 8:40 p.m., 9:15 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., and 3:45 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.
As is the case now, parking would continue to be allowed on the east side of Morse Street at the rear of the school site between 5:00 p.m. of one day and 8:30 a.m. the next following day, Monday to Friday, and all day Saturday and Sunday. There would be no loss of parking for area residents as a result of the establishment of the student pick-up/drop-off zone as proposed.

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(1) Drawing No. 421G-0932, dated December 2012