School Bus Loading Zone – Sunnyside Avenue

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**SUMMARY**

This 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 recommending to relocate the school bus loading zone currently located on the east side of Sunnyside Avenue, extending into the offset intersection of Marmaduke Street. The current location of the school bus loading zone, when occupied, conflicts with the pedestrian crosswalk on the north side of the intersection. To maintain pedestrian safety within the crosswalk it is recommended the school bus loading zone be relocated from a point 9 metres north to a point 24.7 metres north of Marmaduke Street (south intersection).

Relocation of the school bus loading zone further north will result in reducing the length of the existing student drop-off/pick-up zone on the east side of Sunnyside Avenue flanking Howard Junior Public School.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Rescind the school bus loading zone on the east side of Sunnyside Avenue, from a point 9 metres north of Marmaduke Street (south intersection) and a point 15.7 metres further north, in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., daily.

2. Rescind the "Maximum 15 minutes" parking regulation, in effect from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri., on the east...
side of Sunnyside Avenue, from a point 24.7 metres north of Marmaduke Street (south intersection) to a point 78.4 metres further north.

3. Rescind the "No parking" regulation, in effect from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri., on the east side of Sunnyside Avenue, from a point 24.7 metres north of Marmaduke Street to a point 78.4 metres further north.

4. Approve a school bus loading zone on the east side of Sunnyside Avenue, from a point 24.7 metres north of Marmaduke Street (south intersection) to a point 16.2 metres further north, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

5. Restrict parking to a maximum of 15 minutes, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Sunnyside Avenue, from a point 40.9 metres north of Marmaduke Street (south intersection) to a point 62.2 metres further north.

6. Prohibit parking, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Sunnyside Avenue, from a point 40.9 metres north of Marmaduke Street (south intersection) to a point 62.2 metres further north.

7. Prohibit parking anytime on the east side of Sunnyside Avenue, from Marmaduke Street (south intersection) to a point 24.7 metres further north.

**Financial Impact**

Funding for the necessary signage adjustments in the estimated amount of $300.00 is available within the Transportation Services Division 2013 Interim Operating Budget.

**ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Transportation Services has been requested by the Howard Junior Public School to relocate the existing school bus loading zone on the east side of Sunnyside Avenue, north of Marmaduke Street. This loading zone is located within the pedestrian crosswalk on the north side of the Sunnyside Avenue and Marmaduke Street intersection.

**COMMENTS**

Sunnyside Avenue, between High Park Blvd and Howard Park Avenue, is classified as a local road, operating two-way on a pavement width of 6.5 meters with a 40 km/h speed limit. Sunnyside Avenue and Marmaduke Street form an off-set intersection. There is no TTC service on Sunnyside Avenue.

A school bus loading zone is located on the east side of Sunnyside Avenue, from a point 9 meters north of Marmaduke Street (south intersection) to a point 15.7 meters further north, serving the Howard Junior Public School.

Immediately north of the school bus loading zone is a designated student drop-off/pick-up area with a maximum 15-minute parking duration, operating during regular school hours. Permit parking is in effect between the hours 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily on the east side...
of Sunnyside Avenue. Parking is prohibited at all times on the west side of Sunnyside Avenue.

The school bus loading zone is located within the pedestrian crosswalk on the north side of Sunnyside Avenue and Marmaduke Street (north intersection). Relocating the school bus loading zone further north will improve pedestrian safety within the crosswalk. The result will be a loss of three on-street parking spaces for parents picking-up/dropping-off students attending Howard Junior Public School.

Relocating the school bus loading zone to commence at a point 24.7 metres north of Marmaduke Street (south intersection) instead of 9 metres is recommended. This amendment will improve pedestrian safety within the crosswalk on Sunnyside Avenue at Marmaduke Street (north intersection).

Councillor Perks and the Howard Junior Public School have been advised and they support this regulation change.

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