Student Pick-Up/Drop-Off Area – Clinton Street

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To: Toronto and East York Community Council
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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 has been requested by Councillor Mike Layton to amend the parking regulations associated with the existing “Student Pick-Up/Drop-Off Area” on the west side of Clinton Street, north of College Street. The proposal would allow short-term parking to begin at 8:00 a.m. instead of the current 8:30 a.m. on weekdays. This proposal is not supported, as it will result in vehicles parking on both sides of Clinton Street at the same time, creating potential safety concerns.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Not amend the hours of the "Student Pick-Up/Drop-Off Area” on Clinton Street.

Financial Impact

The adoption of the above-noted recommendation will not result in any financial impact.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services staff has investigated a request from Councillor Mike Layton to modify a “Student Pick-Up/Drop-Off Area” to begin operation at 8:00 a.m. instead of 8:30 a.m. on weekdays to accommodate parents/guardians arriving in the morning to drop off children at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School (No. 80 Clinton Street).
COMMENTS
Clinton Street is a local road which operates with two-way traffic between College Street and a point 107 metres north of College Street. North of this point, Clinton Street operates one-way in the northbound direction. There is a modular traffic island on the east side of Clinton Street that reinforces the transition from two-way traffic to one-way traffic. Clinton Street has a pavement width of 7.3 metres and a speed limit of 30 km/h, as speed humps have been installed. It has a daily one-way traffic volume of about 1,700 vehicles and there is no TTC service on this street.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School is located on the west side of Clinton Street, north of College Street. This school serves junior kindergarten to grade eight. It has about 80 metres of road frontage, some of which is in the two-way section of Clinton Street and some of which is in the one-way section of Clinton Street. This school does not front on any other roads.

In December 2012 a student pick-up/drop-off area was installed fronting the school. The pick-up/drop-off area provides opportunities for parents/guardians to park/stop for a short time to pick-up/drop-off or accompany their children into the school. The student pick-up/drop-off area operates in the following manner:

- It provides about six parking spaces;
- It restricts parking to a maximum of 15 minutes from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday; and
- Parking is prohibited at all other times.

There is currently overnight permit parking on the east side of Clinton Street, opposite the school, operating between the hours of 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily. Additionally, there is also a parking prohibition in effect in this section between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. This means that residents with parking permits may leave their vehicles parked overnight on the east side of Clinton Street until 8:30 a.m. on weekdays. As noted, the existing student pick-up/drop-off area on the west side of Clinton Street begins operation at 8:30 a.m., Monday to Friday. This operation avoids potential conflicts resulting from vehicles being parked on the east and west sides of Clinton Street at the same time.

If the student pick-up/drop-off area is changed to begin operation at 8:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, it will result in vehicles parking on both sides of Clinton Street for a half-hour overlap during the weekday morning peak period. With a vehicle parked on both sides, only approximately 3.0 metres road width will be available for a vehicle to pass. Large vehicles, including fire trucks and garbage trucks, could have difficulty travelling on this section of Clinton Street under these conditions.

Therefore, unless the parking restriction on the east side of Clinton Street is similarly changed to begin at 8:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, no changes to the existing student pick-
up/drop-off area are supported. It is noted that this change could potentially inconvenience residents who are accustomed to parking on the east side of Clinton Street until 8:30 a.m. on weekdays.

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(1) Drawing No. 421G-1012, dated March 2013