



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

School Bus Loading Zones – Ward 30 (Delegated)

Date:	October 31, 2013
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Toronto-Danforth, Ward 30
Reference Number:	Ts2013210te.top.doc

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 responding to a request from Toronto and East York Community Council to report on options to rescind the parking restrictions in school zones on weekends and during school holidays in the Toronto and East York District.

As the operational characteristics of school zones can vary significantly, each location must be assessed individually to determine the feasibility of allowing parking on weekend and during school holidays.

This report recommends changes to one school bus loading zone and a student pick-up/drop-off zone in Ward 30.

A companion report has also been submitted with respect to a street that has regular TTC service and, as such, requires City Council approval.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Approve the parking regulations at the locations identified in Appendix A and Appendix B, attached to the report entitled “School Bus Loading Zones – Ward 30”, dated October 31, 2013, from the Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District.

Financial Impact

Funds to undertake the necessary signage adjustments in the estimated amount of \$1,500.00 are contained within Transportation Services 2013 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Toronto and East York Community Council at its meeting on January 22, 2013, requested the General Manager of Transportation Services to report to the Toronto and East York Community Council on options to rescind the parking restrictions in school zones on weekends and during school holidays in the Toronto and East York District (Item TE21.101).

COMMENTS

In the City of Toronto there are over 500 school bus loading zones. A majority of them are located within the Toronto and East York District. The operational characteristics of a school zone, and the parking demands within the surrounding community could be very different. For instance, there may or may not be on-street permit parking in the area, and the demands for student pick-up/drop-off could vary. Also, the needs of each individual school could also vary significantly. Often, the school also includes a community centre, daycare, or perhaps a summer day camp.

When considering whether to allow parking within a school zone on weekends and during school holidays, Transportation Services staff must consider the following:

- Representatives of the school, daycare, and/or a community centre must be contacted to determine their needs for school bus loading and parent pick-up/drop-off both outside of school hours, and during school holidays.
- The existing parking regulations in the area must be determined and confirmed on-street.
- The impact of the proposed regulations on both traffic operations and the community must be assessed and we must ensure that the new parking regulations are not confusing to motorists.

These activities are very labour intensive and as a result Transportation Services does not have the resources to review all school bus loading zones in the Toronto and East York District at once. Since the original request was initiated by Councillor Paula Fletcher, we have started a review of the school zones in Ward 30. We will be contacting each of the Councillors within the Toronto and East York District to determine if there is support for changes to the school zones within each of their Wards, and which schools are priorities. This work will continue as resources permit.

In Ward 30 there are eight school bus loading zones. Two of them have weekday loading during the school year only, while the rest allow loading all year long. This report deals

with adjusting the school bus loading zone times on Hiawatha Road. It also deals with adjusting student pick-up and drop-off times on Ashdale Avenue. There is no TTC service on these two roadways. Adoption of Appendix A and Appendix B will change the parking regulations and only allow weekday school bus loading and pick-up and drop-off activities during the school year. The remaining four school bus loading zones within Ward 30 will be reviewed and reported to the January 2014 Toronto and East York Community Council meeting.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- (1) Appendix A – Parking Regulations to be Rescinded
- (2) Appendix B – Parking Regulations to be Enacted

SIGNATURE

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