School Bus Loading Zone: Highland Hill – Lawrence Heights Middle School

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**SUMMARY**

This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision, provided that it is not amended so that it varies with City policy or by-laws.

To obtain approval to relocate the school bus loading zone on the west side of Highland Hill.

The installation of the school bus loading zone on the west side of Highland Hill will address the concerns of the Principal of Lawrence Heights Middle School regarding drop-off and pick-up activity at this location.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Transportation Services, North York District recommends that North York Community Council:

1. Approve the installation of a school bus loading zone at all times on the west side of Highland Hill from a point 2 metres south of Stockton Road to a point 41 metres further south.

**Financial Impact**

All costs associated with the school bus loading zone on Highland Hill are included within the Transportation Services 2014 Operating Budget.
ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services, North York District, was requested by the Ward Councillor on behalf of the Principal of Lawrence Heights Middle School to investigate the current location of the school bus loading zone in front of Lawrence Heights Middle School.

The Principal has indicated that the designated school bus loading zone in front of the school combined with numerous parents parking their vehicles during pick-up and drop-off activities has resulted in students walking between parked vehicles and buses. The Principal of the school is concerned for the safety of the students at the school.

COMMENTS

Highland Hill is classified as a local road with a posted speed limit of 40 km/h and a pavement width of 8.5 metres. A municipal sidewalk is located on the west side of the roadway, which is the same side as the school. The intersection of Highland Hill and Stockton Road is controlled by an all way stop control.

The current parking regulations on this roadway are as follows:

- Parking is prohibited from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the west side of Highland Hill between a point 160 metres north of the northerly limit of Creston Road and the southerly limit of Ranee Avenue;
- Parking is prohibited from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the west side of Highland Hill between Dane Avenue and a point 46 metres north of Creston Road.
- Stopping is prohibited from 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Highland Hill between a point 45.8 metres north of Creston Road and a point 160.1 metres north of Creston Road.

Staff has observed that the majority of students attending this school walk to and from school, resulting in a high level of crossings at the intersection of Highland Hill and Stockton Road, as well as from between parked vehicles. It was also observed that the current location of the school bus loading zone is located to the north of the intersection and interferes with the operation of the all way stop control.

In view of the above and our discussions with the Principal, the relocation of the school bus loading zone to the south of the intersection would resolve their concerns.
The Transportation Services Division, North York District, supports the relocation of the school bus loading zone to the south of the intersection in front of the school, in order to improve the safety of the pedestrians.

The Ward Councillor has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map – Highland Hill; School Bus Loading Zone