



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

School Bus Loading Zone: Raeburn Avenue

Date:	July 16, 2014
To:	North York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, North York District
Wards:	Ward 10 – York Centre
Reference Number:	<i>p:/2014/ClusterB/TRA/NorthYork/ny14097</i>

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 install a school bus loading zone on the south side of Raeburn Avenue.

The installation of the school bus loading zone on the south side of Raeburn Avenue will address the needs of the private school located at 3995 Bathurst Street.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Approve the removal of no parking anytime, on the south side of Raeburn Avenue from Bathurst Street to a point 91.5 metres east of Bathurst Street:
2. Approve the installation of no parking anytime, on the south side of Raeburn Avenue from a point 30 metres east of Bathurst Street to a point 61.5 metres further east:

3. Approve the installation of a school bus loading zone at all times on the south side of Raeburn Avenue from a point 9 metres east of Bathurst Street to a point 21 metres further east; and
4. Approve the installation of no stopping anytime on the south side of Raeburn Avenue from Bathurst Street to a point 30 metres east.

Financial Impact

All costs associated with the school bus loading zone on Raeburn Avenue are included within the Transportation Services 2014 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services, North York District, was requested by the Ward Councillor on behalf the Toronto Cheder School to investigate the installation of a school bus loading zone on Raeburn Avenue, in front of this private school.

Staff from the school has indicated that buses cannot manoeuvre around the back of the school to access the parking lot/driveway and as such must use the roadway.

COMMENTS

Raeburn Avenue is classified as a local road with a posted speed limit of 40 km/h. Municipal sidewalks are located on both sides of the roadway. The intersection of Raeburn Avenue and Bathurst Street is controlled by a traffic control signal.

The current parking regulations on this roadway are as follows:

- Parking is prohibited from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the north side of Raeburn Avenue between a point 30.5 metres east of Bathurst Street and Armour Boulevard; and
- Parking is prohibited anytime, on the south side of Raeburn Avenue and between Bathurst Street and a point 91.5 metres east of Bathurst Street.

To identify existing traffic conditions on Raeburn Avenue, our Division has conducted a School Zone Safety Review (SZSR) during the a.m. and p.m. arrival and dismissal times.

The results of the study with regards to the school bus activity are as follows:

Location	Large Bus	Mini Bus
Turning Circle	-	-
Parking Lot	-	-
On-Street	2	1

Staff observations have concluded that drop-off and pick-up to the school is occurring on-site in the school's parking lot, located on the east side of the school. However, the school buses are already parking along the south side of Raeburn Avenue.

In view of the study, it is our opinion that a school bus loading zone can be located on the south side of Raeburn Avenue from a point 9 metres east of Bathurst Street to a point 21 metres further east.

The Transportation Services Division, North York District, supports the installation of the school bus loading zone on the south side of Raeburn Avenue, adjacent to the school, in order to address the needs of the school.

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

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map – Raeburn Avenue; School Bus Loading Zone