



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

School Zone Safety Review – Mason Road and Adanac Drive

Date:	August 17, 2015
To:	Scarborough Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District
Wards:	Ward 36 – Scarborough - Southwest
Reference Number:	P:\2015\Cluster B\TRA\Scarborough\sc1560.docx D15-6630023 Mason Road School Zone Safety

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

This report responds to a request for addressing school zone safety concerns near Mason Road Junior Public School located south of Eglinton Avenue East, east of Bellamy Road South.

The report recommends the adoption of several parking, standing and stopping regulations in order to improve safe access to the school for children walking, biking or being driven to/from the school, and reducing the likelihood of conflicts between various modes of traffic.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Scarborough Community Council:

1. Rescind the School Bus Loading Zone on the west side of Mason Road, from a point 104 metres south of Adanac Drive to a point 27 metres further south, in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
2. Designate a School Bus Loading Zone on the west side of Mason Road, from a point 152 metres south of Adanac Drive to a point 20 metres further south, in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

3. Prohibit standing at all times on the west side of Mason Road, from a point 123 metres south of Adanac Drive to a point 29 metres further south.
4. Rescind the stopping prohibition in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on both sides of Mason Road, from Glenda Road to Knowlton Drive.
5. Rescind the parking prohibition in effect at all times on both sides of Mason Road, from Eglinton Avenue East to Glenda Road.
6. Prohibit parking at all times on the west side of Mason Road, from Eglinton Avenue East to Adanac Drive.
7. Prohibit parking at all times on the east side of Mason Road, from Eglinton Avenue East to Glenda Road.
8. Restrict parking to a maximum of 15 minutes from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday except July, August and Public Holidays, on the west side of Mason Road, from Adanac Drive to a point 89 metres south of Adanac Drive.
9. Restrict parking to a maximum of 15 minutes from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday except July, August and Public Holidays, on the west side of Mason Road, from a point 172 metres south of Adanac Drive to a point 60 metres further south.
10. Prohibit stopping from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday except July, August and Public Holidays on the east side of Mason Road, from Glenda Road to Knowlton Drive.
11. Designate a School Bus Loading Zone on the south side of Adanac Drive, from a point 82 metres east of Bellamy Road South to a point 40 metres further east, in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
12. Prohibit stopping at all times on the north side of Adanac Drive, from a point 84 metres east of Bellamy Road South to a point 22 metres further east.
13. Prohibit stopping from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday except July, August and Public Holidays, on the north side of Adanac Drive, from a point 106 metres east of Bellamy Road South to a point 46 metres further east.
14. Prohibit parking at all times on the north side of Adanac Drive, from a point 152 metres east of Bellamy Road South to a point 16 metres further east.
15. Prohibit parking at all times on the north side of Adanac Drive, from a point 194 metres east of Bellamy Road South to a point 37 metres further east.

16. Prohibit standing at all times on the north side of Adanac Drive, from Bellamy Road South to a point 20 metres east of Bellamy Road South.
17. Prohibit parking at all times on the south side of Adanac Drive, from Bellamy Road South to a point 28 metres east of Bellamy Road South.
18. Prohibit parking at all times on the south side of Adanac Drive, from Mason Road to a point 18 metres west of Mason Road.
19. Prohibit parking at all times on the north side of Adanac Drive, from Mason Road to a point 16.5 metres west of Mason Road.

Financial Impact

The cost of installing the subject signage is approximately \$4,500.00. Funds for these signs are available in the Transportation Services 2015 Operating Budget, within Cost Centre TP0397.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

As a result of a public request through 3-1-1 for addressing concerns with children's safety in the vicinity of Mason Road Junior Public School, staff have conducted an audit of the school zone and reviewed the applicability of several parking, standing and stopping regulations.

COMMENTS

The following characteristics describe the relevant sections of Mason Road and Adanac Drive:

- Mason Road and Adanac Drive are located south of Eglinton Avenue East, between Bellamy Road South and Markham Road.
- Mason Road and Adanac Drive are two-way collector roadways with posted speed limit of 40 km/hr.
- There is a Pedestrian Crossover (PXO) on Mason Road approximately 100m south of Adanac Drive.
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of Mason Road and Adanac Drive.
- The land use on Mason Road is single family residential and limited institutional (Mason Road Public School).
- The land use on Adanac Drive is mid-rise residential and limited institutional (Mason Road Public School).

Currently, due to the limited on-street parking supply, parents driving their children to/from the school were observed to park illegally, resulting in negative safety implications for the children. These include:

- parking within the No Stopping zone in the vicinity of the Pedestrian Crossover (PXO), blocking sightlines and visibility of crossing children;

- parking within the school bus loading zone, located along the Mason Road frontage of the school, causing conflicts in traffic flow by occasionally holding up school buses; and
- parking within the school bus loading zone, located along the Mason Road frontage of the school, causing conflicts in traffic flow by occasionally holding up school buses; and
- parking within the No Stopping zone on the east side of Mason Road opposite the school, putting children at risk as they cross the road to get to the school.

The following recommended changes will accommodate the parking demand generated by student drop-off and pick-up activity while improving safety:

- Relocation of a portion of the existing school bus loading zone to Adanac Drive and repurposing this space for short-term drop-off and pick-up parking; and
- Allocation of additional 15-minute on-street parking space in the areas immediately north and south of Mason Road Public School.

The above mentioned recommendations were made in consultation with representatives from the school, parent/teacher committee, Toronto District School Board Transportation Safety Office, Toronto Police Services and impacted local residents.

The adoption of the bylaws recommended in this report will improve safety of children walking, cycling or being driven to/from the school. It will also enable parking enforcement when required to enhance safe access to the school.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Location Map (Mason Road - Proposed New Parking Regulations)
2. Location Map (Adanac Drive - Proposed New Parking Regulations)