



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Parking and Traffic Regulation Amendments – Second Street

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| Date: | March 24, 2016 |
| To: | Etobicoke York Community Council |
| From: | Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District |
| Wards: | Ward 6 – Etobicoke- Lakeshore |
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SUMMARY

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

To address safety concerns and congestion in the area of Second Street Junior Middle School (71 Second Street), it is recommended a change from the current "No Parking Anytime" regulation to a "No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m., Monday to Friday" regulation on the west side of Second Street, between Birmingham Street and Maple Boulevard. The extension of the current school bus loading zone is also required in order to accommodate increased enrollment at the school. In addition, northbound and southbound U-turns should be prohibited on Second Street in this area.

These amendments will improve traffic operations and will address concerns regarding traffic congestion and safety in the area for school children and residents. This recommendation is the result of consultations with school officials and the area Councillor.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council:

1. Amend the existing school bus loading zone in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the east side of Second Street between a point 61 metres south of Birmingham Street and a point 33 metres further south, to be in effect from a point 30 metres south of Birmingham Street to a point 61 metres further south.

2. Amend the existing parking prohibition in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Second Street between Maple Boulevard and Birmingham Street, to be in effect from a point 91 metres south of Birmingham Street to Maple Boulevard.
3. Prohibit parking at all times on the east side of Second Street from Birmingham Street to a point 30 metres further south.
4. Prohibit stopping from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Second Street between Birmingham Street and Maple Boulevard.

Prohibit northbound and southbound U-turns at all times on Second Street between Birmingham Street and Maple Boulevard.

Financial Impact

The estimated cost for amending the signs is \$600.00. These funds are included within the Transportation Services 2016 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services staff attended a meeting with the principal of Second Street Junior Middle School, the area Councillor and staff from the Toronto District School Board to discuss traffic concerns in the area. The current parking regulations are shown on the area map (Attachment 1).

COMMENTS

According to the City of Toronto's road classification system, Second Street is classified as a "Local" roadway in the residential community east of Islington Avenue and north of Lake Shore Boulevard West. Second Street operates two-way traffic north and south between Birmingham Street and Lake Shore Boulevard West. The speed limit on the street is 40 km/h. Sidewalks are present on both sides of the street. "Stop" sign controls are present at both the north and south ends of the street.

Second Street Junior Middle School is located on the east side of Second Street between Birmingham Street and Maple Boulevard. Currently, parking is prohibited at all times on the west side from Birmingham Street to Lakeshore Boulevard West. A school bus loading zone (33 metres in length) extends south along the frontage of the school from a point 61 metres south of Birmingham Street. Parking is also prohibited from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of the street from Birmingham Street to Maple Boulevard.

Observations conducted by Transportation Services staff indicate that some northbound and southbound motorists are completing U-turns in the area of the school. Although the number of vehicles observed completing U-turns was not significant, due to traffic volumes and pedestrian activity in the area, these movements are not desirable in this sensitive school area. In addition, numerous parking infractions were observed on the west side of Second Street during school morning arrival and afternoon dismissal times which is creating a hazardous environment for pedestrians crossing in the area.

To address these concerns, staff recommends a 24-hour U-turn prohibition northbound and southbound on Second Street between Birmingham Street and Maple Boulevard. Staff also recommends a "No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" regulation on the west side to deter unsafe manoeuvres, enhance pedestrian safety and improve traffic operations in the area. Staff also recommends the extension of the existing school bus loading zone to a point 91 metres south of Birmingham Street to accommodate additional buses. These proposed traffic and parking regulations are shown in Attachment 1.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map