Parking Regulation Amendments – Forestview Road

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To: Etobicoke York Community Council

From: Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District

Wards: Ward 3 – Etobicoke Centre

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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.

The purpose of this report is to receive approval for the designation of a school bus loading zone on the west side of Forestview Road, south of Bloor Street West, in between the driveway accesses to the off-street Kiss and Ride zone at St. Clement Catholic School. Also, to reflect current signage in the field, it is recommended that stopping be prohibited from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the west side of Forestview Road, adjacent the school property.

These recommendations are the result of consultations with school board officials.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council:

1. Rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Forestview Road between Bloor Street West and a point 76 metres south.

2. Prohibit stopping from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Forestview Road between Bloor Street West and a point 121 metres south.

3. Designate a school bus loading zone to operate from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Forestview Road between a point 59 metres south of Bloor Street West and a point 36 metres further south.
Financial Impact
The estimated cost for amending the signs is $200.00. These funds are included within the Transportation Services 2016 Operating Budget.

ISSUE BACKGROUND
Transportation Services staff attended a site meeting with staff from the Toronto Catholic District School Board to discuss a request to have a school bus loading zone designated on the west side of Forestview Road in the area of St. Clement Catholic School, 4319 Bloor Street West. The current parking regulations are shown on the area map (Attachment 1).

COMMENTS
According to the City of Toronto’s road classification system, Forestview Road is classified as a “Local” roadway in the residential community south of Bloor Street West, east of Mill Road. Forestview Road is 8.5 metres wide with sidewalks located on both sides of the street. The speed limit on Forestview Road is 40 km/h.

St. Clement Catholic School is located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Bloor Street West and Forestview Road/Mapledawn Road. A student pick-up and drop-off (Kiss and Ride) loop is located on school property via two driveway accesses on the west side of Forestview Road. The loop operates one-way southbound.

Stopping is currently prohibited from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Forestview Road between Bloor Street West and Sapling Court. "No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" signage exist on the west side of the street from Bloor Street West to a point 121 metres south. However, there is currently no by-law associated with the stopping prohibition on the west side of the street. In fact, Schedule 13 (XIII) of Chapter 950 of Toronto Municipal Code has a "No Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" entry for the west side of Forestview Road, between Bloor Street West and a point 76 metres south. This parking prohibition has not existed in the field since early 2005. Furthermore, the current signed stopping prohibition encourages the use of the off-street pick-up and drop-off zone. Therefore, staff recommends that stopping be prohibited from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Forestview Road between Bloor Street West and a point 121 metres south to reflect current signage in the field.

During the 2015/16 school year, two small-size school buses were using the off-street pick-up and drop-off zone in the morning to drop-off students. However, during the school dismissal period, pick-up activities were occurring on the south side of Bloor Street West, at the intersection of Forestview Road, affecting eastbound traffic flow on Bloor Street West.

To address a request from school board officials, staff also recommends that a school bus loading zone be designated to operate from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Forestview Road between a point 59 metres south of Bloor Street West
and a point 36 metres further south, between the two driveway accesses to the off-street Kiss and Ride zone. This school bus loading zone will accommodate the aforementioned two small-size school buses and an additional full-size school bus to service St. Clement Catholic School in the new school year (September 2016). School buses within a designated school bus loading zone are not required under the Highway Traffic Act to have their red flashing lights and stop arm activated during the boarding and alighting of passengers, thus reducing vehicle delay and traffic congestion on a given street.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Map