

School Zone Safety Review – Sloley Road

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To:	Scarborough Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District
Wards:	Ward 36 – Scarborough - Southwest
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SUMMARY

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

This 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. Amend the existing school bus loading zone operating from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the south side of Sloley Road between a point 77 metres east of Neilson Avenue and a point 15 metres further east, to operate from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, between a point 62 metres east of Neilson Avenue and a point 15 metres further east.
2. Prohibit stopping at all times on the south side of Sloley Road, between a point 30 metres east of Neilson Avenue and a point 85.5 metres further east, and between a point 139 metres east of Neilson Avenue and a point 31 metres further east.
3. Prohibit stopping at all times on the north side of Sloley Road, between a point 15 metres west of Dorset Road and a point 15 metres east of Dorset Road.

4. Prohibit stopping at all times on both sides of Dorset Road, between Sloley Road and a point 15 metres north.
5. Amend the existing stopping prohibition in effect from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side of Sloley Road between Neilson Avenue and a point 156 metres east, to be in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, between Neilson Avenue and a point 219 metres east.
6. Prohibit stopping from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side of Sloley Road, between Harewood Avenue and Neilson Avenue.
7. Prohibit standing at all times on the south side of Sloley Road, between a point 115.5 metres east of Neilson Avenue and a point 23.5 metres further east.
8. Prohibit parking at all times on the north side of Sloley Road, between a point 118.5 metres east of Dorset Road and a point 38.5 metres further east.
9. Rescind the existing parking for a maximum period of 30 minutes from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Sloley Road, between Neilson Avenue and a point 156 metres east.
10. Authorize parking for a maximum period of 15 minutes from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Sloley Road, between Neilson Avenue and a point 30 metres east, between Harewood Avenue and Neilson Avenue, and between Lyme Regis Crescent and a point 61 metres west.

Financial Impact

The cost of installing the subject prohibition signs is approximately \$5,000.00. Funds for these signs are included in the Transportation Services 2016 Operating Budget, within Cost Centre TP0397.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

As a result of a meeting with Councillor Crawford addressing concerns with children's safety in the vicinity of Fairmount 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 Sloley Road:

- Sloley Road is located south of Kingston Road, east of Brimley Road South.
- Sloley Road is a collector road with a posted speed limit of 40 km/h.
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of Sloley Road.
- The land uses on Sloley Road are single family residential and limited institutional (Fairmount Junior Public School).

Currently, due to a limited on-street parking supply, parents driving their children to/from the school tend to engage in illegal parking activity, resulting in negative safety implications for the children. These include:

- Parking within the intersection in front of the school, creating congestion, blocking sightlines and visibility of crossing children;
- Parking within the school bus loading zone, causing conflicts in the flow of traffic by occasionally holding up school buses; and
- Parking within the No Stopping zone on the opposite side of the school, putting children at risk as they cross the road to get to the school.

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

- Relocation of the existing school bus loading zone further west to create better sightline for the school crossing and intersection in front of the school; and
- Allocation of additional 15-minute on-street parking spaces in the areas immediately east and west of Fairmount Junior Public School.

In addition, the new No Standing regulation just east of the school crossing is recommended to be located far side of the school crossing in order to provide better sightlines, visibility of crossing pedestrians and in order to improve safe access to the school for a pick-up and drop-off area for children being driven to/from the school.

The above mentioned recommendations were made in consultation with the Councillor, representatives from the school, parent/teacher committee 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 (School Zone Safety Review - Sloley Road - East Portion)
2. Location Map (School Zone Safety Review - Sloley Road - West Portion)