

School Bus Loading Zone - 780 Kingston Road

Date: August 10, 2017
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards: Ward 32, Beaches-East York

SUMMARY

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Kingston Road, City Council approval of this report is required.

Transportation Services is requesting approval to designate an additional School Bus Loading Zone on the north side of Kingston Road closer to the school's entrance to provide a safe pick-up/drop-off area for students attending St. John Catholic School, located at 780 Kingston Road.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District recommends that:

1. City Council designate a school bus loading zone to operate from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side of Kingston Road, between a point 7 metres east of Glen Manor Drive and a point 46 metres further west.
2. City Council prohibit stopping from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side of Kingston Road, between a point 7 metres east of Glen Manor Drive and a point 46 metres further west.
3. City Council rescind the existing stopping prohibition in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, on the north and west side of Kingston Road, between Queen Street East and a point 81 metres east of Glen Manor Drive.
4. City Council rescind the existing stopping prohibition in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side of Kingston Road, between a point 93 metres west of Main Street and a point 31 metres east of Glen Manor Drive.
5. City Council rescind the existing stopping prohibition in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Kingston Road, between Queen Street East and a point 31 metres east of Glen Manor Drive.

6. City Council rescind the existing stopping prohibition in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side of Kingston Road, between Malvern Avenue and Birchmount Road.

7. City Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north and west side of Kingston Road, between Queen Street East and a point 8 metres east of Glen Manor Drive.

8. City Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side of Kingston Road, between a point 93 metres west of Main Street and a point 43.5 metres east of Glen Manor Drive.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the necessary signage installation are included within the Transportation Services 2017 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services has been requested by St. John Catholic School principal and Councillor Mary-Margaret McMahon to investigate the feasibility of implementing an additional School Bus Loading Zone on the north side of Kingston Road just west of the existing mid-block pedestrian signal.

Kingston Road, between Malvern Avenue and Glen Manor Drive, is a four-lane major arterial roadway that operates east-west with a regulatory speed limit of 50 km/h. Municipal sidewalks are located on both sides of the road. A mid-block pedestrian signal is located on Kingston Road, approximately 25.5 metres east of Glen Manor Drive.

St. John Catholic School, located at 780 Kingston Road, is on the north side of this section of Kingston Road. Presently, a school bus loading zone is signed on the north side of Kingston Road, from a point 81 metres east of Glen Manor Drive to a point 58 metres further east. TTC service on Kingston Road is provided by the 503 Kingston Road streetcar, which operates in the median lanes on a shared right-of-way with general traffic.

The following parking regulations have generally been signed near St. John Catholic School:

North side

- "No Stopping, 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Monday to Friday", between a point 31 metres east of Glen Manor Drive and Main Street;

- "No Parking, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday", between a point 43.5 metres east of Glen Manor Drive and Queen Street East;
- "School Bus Loading Zone, 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday", between a point 81 metres east of Glen Manor Drive to a point 58 metres further east;
- Three-hour time limit parking at all other times (unsigned, statutory).

South side

- "No Parking, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday";
- "No Stopping, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday";
- Three-hour time limit parking at all other times (unsigned, statutory).

In preparation of the new light rail vehicles entering service, the TTC will be consolidating the three streetcar stops that are currently located at Malvern Avenue, Walter Street, and in front of St. John's Catholic Church (Sunday stop) into a single stop fronting St. John Catholic School. In 2016 Transportation Services, in consultation with TTC and the principal of St. John Catholic School, recommended the relocation of the existing school bus loading zone to the north side of Kingston Road, east of the school's property, to accommodate the TTC stop consolidation.

In 2017 school officials contacted Transportation Services requesting the establishment of an additional school bus loading zone closer to the school's entrance in order to provide students with a safer pick-up-/drop-off area. Transportation Services, in consultation with TTC, Councillor Mary-Margaret McMahon, and the principal of St. John Catholic School, determined that an additional school bus loading zone could be established on the north side of Kingston Road between a point 7 metres east of Glen Manor Drive and a point 46 metres further west.

The school bus loading zone will be situated between two private driveway entrances, 746 and 744 Kingston Road. In order to minimize impacts on these driveways, the loading area will only allow school buses to pick-up/drop off during school operations. This area will revert to existing parking regulations during all other times.

House-Keeping Issues

During the course of our investigation it was also noted that there are overlapping parking regulation by-laws on Kingston Road, within the investigation area. The approval of recommendations 3 through 8 will correct these inconsistencies.

Councillor Mary-Margaret McMahon has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

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