

School Bus Loading Zone, Parking Regulation Amendment - Chartwell Road

Date: March 9, 2018
To: Etobicoke York Community Council
From: Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District
Wards: Ward 5 – Etobicoke Lakeshore

SUMMARY

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

To address safety concerns and congestion in the area of Castlebar Public School (70 Chartwell Road), it is recommended that a school bus loading zone be created to accommodate school buses loading and discharging students. This amendment will improve traffic operations, address concerns regarding traffic congestion and safety and provide additional facilities for school drop-off and pick-up of attending school children. This recommendation is the result of consultation with the area Councillor and the school's principal.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York recommends that:

1. Etobicoke York Community Council authorize a school bus loading zone in operation from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the west side of Chartwell Road from a point 30 metres north of Ambleside Avenue and a point 30 metres further north.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated cost for signage installation related to the proposed school bus loading zone is \$500.00. These funds are included within the Transportation Services' 2018 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services staff have discussed the various traffic concerns in the area of Castlebar Public School with the Ward Councillor's staff and school's principal. Currently Castlebar Public School has two large buses loading/unloading the students from the street because this operation cannot be accommodated on-site. The proposed school bus loading zone is shown on the area map (Attachment 1).

According to the City of Toronto's Road Classification System, Chartwell Road is classified as a "Local" roadway in the residential community east of Islington Avenue and south of Norseman Street. Chartwell Road operates two-way traffic north and south between Norseman Street and The Queensway and has a posted speed limit of 30 km/h. Sidewalks are present on both sides of the street. "Stop" controls are present at Norseman Street for northbound traffic and at Ambleside Avenue for southbound traffic.

Castlebar Public School is located on the west side of Chartwell Road, north of Ambleside Avenue. Currently parking is allowed on both sides of the road, subject to the unsigned three-hour maximum.

Based on our assessment, the creation of a school bus loading zone will increase the safety and accessibility of boarding and discharging operations for the school to drop-off and pick-up children safely.

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ATTACHMENT

1. Location Plan (Proposed School Bus Loading Zone on Chartwell Road)

Location Plan

