

Parking Regulation Amendment and U-Turn Prohibition – Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive

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To: Etobicoke York Community Council
From: Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District
Wards: Ward 6 – Etobicoke-Lakeshore

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to address safety concerns in the area of Holy Trinity Elementary School and it is recommended that the current "No Parking, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" regulation, on the west side of Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive, be amended to create a "Maximum 10 Minute Limit, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" parking regulation to address the need for additional drop-off and pick-up space for parents of attending school children. To improve safety, U-turns should also be prohibited on Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive in the school zone area.

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a bus service on Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive, City Council approval of this report is required.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York recommends that:

1. City Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive between a point 49 metres south of Lake Shore Boulevard West and a point 190 metres south thereof.
2. City Council authorize parking for a maximum period of 10 minutes from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive between a point 49 metres south of Lake Shore Boulevard West to a point 190 metres south thereof.
3. City Council prohibit southbound U-turns at all times, on Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive between Lake Shore Boulevard West and a point 205 metres south.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated cost of the supply and installation of signage is approximately \$1,500.00. The funding for these signs is available in the Transportation Services Division's 2018 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services staff attended a meeting with the local Councillor and the principal of Holy Trinity Elementary School to discuss traffic concerns in the area. A map of the area is Attachment 1.

Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive is an 11.0 metre wide two lane road classified in the City of Toronto's Road Classification System as a "Local" road. The legal speed limit on Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive is 40 km/h. The roadway has an urban cross-section which includes curb, gutter and sidewalks on both sides of the street. Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive is located south of Lake Shore Boulevard West and is the extension of Kipling Avenue. Toronto Transit Commission operates bus service in both directions on Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive.

On the east side of Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive is Humber College Lake Shore East Campus, on the west side of the street is the recently opened (February 2018) Holy Trinity Elementary School and south of Holy Trinity School is Father John Redmond Catholic Secondary School. South of the school properties is Colonel Samuel Smith Park. In addition, Humber College Lake Shore West Campus is located to the west of the elementary and high schools and is connected to the east campus by a walkway located between the two Toronto Catholic School properties. A pedestrian crossover is located on Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive where the walkway crosses Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive.

Currently parking is prohibited on the east side of Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive at all times for the entire length of the roadway. Parking is also prohibited on the west side at all times from Lake Shore Boulevard West to a point 49 metres south. A "No Parking, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" regulation exists from 49 metres south of Lake Shore Boulevard West to a point 190 metres further south. At this point the "No Parking" regulation changes to "No Stopping, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" along the frontage of Father John Redmond School to the south limit of the municipal roadway.

Staff observations indicate that some southbound motorists on Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive are completing U-turns in the area of the school. Although the number of vehicles observed completing these manoeuvres was not significant, due to traffic volumes and pedestrian activity in the area, these movements are not desirable in this sensitive school area.

During our studies it was noted that significant congestion exists on Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive during the peak times, in particular during the morning peak from about 8:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. The congestion appears to be a result of the volume of pedestrians crossing at the intersection of Lake Shore Boulevard West and Kipling Avenue/Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive. In addition, there is a large number of crossings at the pedestrian crossover which does add to the delays incurred by motorists that are trying to access Humber College East Campus and Father John Redmond Catholic Secondary School.

Holy Trinity Elementary School was constructed with sufficient parking to accommodate staff parking needs only and no on-site facilities are available for parents/caregivers to drop-off or pick-up students that are being driven to school. As a result, these activities must be accommodated on-street. Some students attending the Holy Trinity School require the parent/caregiver to escort the student to and from school. Therefore, it has been determined that allocating a portion of west side of Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive, between Holy Trinity School and Father John Redmond Catholic Secondary School, for short term parking (maximum 10 minutes) is the most appropriate solution. Since all the current parking restrictions on the west side of Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive are in effect between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, it would be appropriate to maintain consistency and have the short term parking be in effect during the same times. Therefore, it is proposed that a "Maximum 10 Minute" parking be in effect between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. The Municipal Code prohibits stopping at all times 15 metres in advance of a pedestrian crossover and 9 metres after. As a result we will also be posting signs in the area of the pedestrian crossover to reinforce these regulations.

The proposed changes will provide an area for parents/caregivers for short term parking to accommodate the drop-off and pick-up of students at Holy Trinity School. In addition, the proposed "U" turn prohibition will reduce the instances of undesirable movements in the area of Holy Trinity Elementary School.

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ATTACHMENT

1. Location Plan (Colonel Samuel Smith Park Drive)

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