

Parking Amendments - Barrington Avenue, between Secord Avenue and Balfour Avenue

Date: May 10, 2018
To: Toronto City Council
From: Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards: Ward 31, Beaches-East York

SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is requesting approval to rescind the existing "School Bus Loading Zone" on the east side of Barrington Avenue fronting Secord Elementary School, and to amend conflicting traffic by-laws on Barrington Avenue between Secord Avenue and Balfour Avenue.

The above recommendation is required as a result of diverted transit buses utilizing Barrington Avenue due to construction along Main Street and at Main Street Transit Station. The proposal will continue to facilitate safe drop-off/pick-up of students to the school and will ensure that the existing posted signs are consistent with the traffic by-laws.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. City Council rescind the existing school bus loading zone in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., on the east side of Barrington Avenue, between a point 79 metres south of Secord Avenue and a point 109.5 metres south of Secord Avenue.
2. City Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times, on the east side of Barrington Avenue, between a point 145.7 metres south of a point opposite the southerly limit of Doncaster Avenue and Lumsden Avenue.

3. City Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times, on the east side of Barrington Avenue, between a point 145.7 metres south of a point opposite the southerly limit of Doncaster Avenue and a point 152.2 metres south of Secord Avenue.
4. City Council amend the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times, on the east side of Barrington Avenue, between Danforth Avenue and a point 45.5 metres north of Balfour Avenue, to be in effect from Danforth Avenue to a point 113 metres north of Balfour Avenue.
5. City Council amend the existing stopping prohibition in effect at all times, on both sides of Barrington Avenue, between Secord Avenue and a point 152.5 metres south of Secord Avenue, to be in effect on the east side of Barrington Avenue, from Secord Avenue to a point 152.5 metres south of Secord Avenue.
6. City Council prohibit stopping at all times on the west side of Barrington Avenue, between Secord Avenue and Doncaster Avenue.
7. City Council amend the existing permit parking in effect at all times, from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., on the west side of Barrington Avenue, between Balfour Avenue to a point approximately 44.3 metres north of Balfour Avenue, to be in effect from 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the necessary signage removal on Barrington Avenue are included within the Transportation Services 2018 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services, on behalf of Councillor Janet Davis, was requested to review the feasibility of relocating the existing "School Bus Loading Zone" for Secord Elementary School from the east side of Barrington Avenue to the west side of Palmer Avenue.

Barrington Avenue is designated as a two-way north/south local road, between Secord Avenue and Balfour Avenue. The pavement width is about 8.5 metres, with a posted speed limit of 30 km/h. TTC service is provided on Barrington Avenue by the 87 Cosburn transit bus.

Secord Elementary School (No. 101 Barrington Avenue) is bounded by Barrington Avenue on the west side, Secord Avenue on the north side, and Palmer Avenue on the east side. The main entrance to the school and school bus loading zone is located on the east side of Barrington Avenue, south of Doncaster Avenue. There is also a rear entrance to the school which is accessible from Palmer Avenue.

The following parking regulations are currently in effect on Barrington Avenue, between Secord Avenue and Balfour Avenue:

East Side:

- School bus loading zone, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., between a point 79 metres south of Secord Avenue and a point 109.5 metres south of Secord Avenue;
- No stopping at all times, between Secord Avenue and a point 152.5 metres south of Secord Avenue;
- No parking at all times, between a point 145.7 metres south of a point opposite the southerly limit of Doncaster Avenue and Lumsden Avenue;
- No parking at all times, between Danforth Avenue and a point 45.5 metres north of Balfour Avenue; and
- No parking at all times, between a point 145.7 metres south of a point opposite the southerly limit of Doncaster Avenue and a point 152.2 metres south of Secord Avenue.

West Side:

- No stopping anytime, between Secord Avenue and a point 152.5 metres south of Secord Avenue; and
- Permit parking in effect, from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., between Balfour Avenue to a point approximately 44.3 metres north of Balfour Avenue.

Staff was requested to relocate the existing school bus loading zone from Barrington Avenue to Palmer Avenue due to TTC and Hydro-One undertaking construction work at Main Street Transit Station and on Main Street.

Main Street Transit Station is located on the east side of Main Street approximately 75 metres north of Danforth Avenue, and one block west of Barrington Avenue.

Currently, Main Street south of Doncaster Avenue is closed; however, limited to local traffic only. As a result, TTC is rerouting some of its buses onto Barrington Avenue. Therefore, in order to allow for the ease of flow of transit buses on Barrington Avenue and to ensure for the safe drop-off/pick-up of students to Secord Elementary School, staff has no objection in relocating the school bus loading zone one block east to Palmer Avenue.

The existing no stopping anytime restriction will remain in the limits of the school bus loading zone on the east side of Barrington Avenue, and the proposed school bus loading zone will not result in the loss of any parking spots on Palmer Avenue.

In addition to the recommendations of this report, there is also a companion report being submitted to Toronto and East York Community Council, entitled "School Bus Loading Zone - Palmer Avenue", recommending the installation of a "School Bus Loading Zone" on the west side of Palmer Avenue, south of Secord Avenue.

Housekeeping Issues

A staff review also detected inconsistencies in the traffic by-laws related to the current signed parking regulations on Barrington Avenue. These inconsistencies will be resolved with the approval of Recommendation Nos. 2 to 7.

Councillor Janet Davis has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-3010, dated May 2018
2. Drawing No. 421G-3011, dated May 2018

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