

Parking Regulation Amendments and Left-turn Prohibition - Snowcrest Avenue

Date: April 17, 2019

To: North York Community Council

From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 17 - Don Valley North

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision, provided that it is not amended so that it varies with City policy or by-laws.

Transportation Services is requesting North York Community Council to prohibit stopping on the west side of Snowcrest Avenue between Cummer Avenue and a point 90 metres further south. In addition, we are recommending to prohibit eastbound left turns out of the driveway access to the Lester B. Pearson Elementary School parking lot on Snowcrest Avenue during school arrival and dismissal times.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that North York Community Council:

1. Prohibit stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday (buses excepted), on the west side of Snowcrest Avenue between Cummer Avenue and a point 90 metres further south.
2. Prohibit eastbound left turns, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 pm., Monday to Friday, out of the driveway access serving 7 Snowcrest Avenue, located on the east side of Snowcrest Avenue, at a point 70 metres south of Cummer Avenue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with implementing the No Stopping on Snowcrest Avenue and an eastbound left-turn prohibition out of the access to 7 Snowcrest Avenue are included within the Transportation Services 2019 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services staff attended a site meeting with the area Councillor and her staff to address the current drop-off and pick-up activities in the vicinity of Lester B. Pearson Elementary School that are resulting in congestion.

Snowcrest Avenue is an 8.5 metre wide roadway and is classified as a local road. It operates two-way and has a posted speed limit of 40 km/h in the vicinity of Lester B. Pearson Elementary School. Sidewalks exist on both sides of Snowcrest Avenue. Snowcrest Avenue between Cummer Avenue and Luton Gate is considered a Community Safety Zone and heavy vehicles are prohibited at all times. TTC does not operate bus service on Snowcrest Avenue.

The current parking/stopping regulations on Snowcrest Avenue are as follows:

- No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Snowcrest Avenue between Cummer Avenue and Luton Gate.
- School Bus Loading Zone (No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, buses excepted), on the west side of Snowcrest Avenue between a point 90 metres south of Cummer Avenue and a point 110 metres further south.
- Three-hour parking (statutory) on the west side of Snowcrest Avenue between Cummer Avenue and a point 90 metres south of Cummer Avenue.

Lester B. Pearson Elementary School is located on the west side of Snowcrest Avenue. A student pick-up/drop-off area exists within the school's property, which is adjacent to the staff parking lot on the north side of the property. The school bus loading zone is located on the west side of Snowcrest Avenue from a point 90 metres south of Cummer Avenue to a point 110 metres further south, which operates from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Observations conducted by Transportation Services staff confirm that the majority of parents drop off and pick up students within the existing driveway, adjacent to the staff parking lot, located on the north side of the school. However, some parents park within the three-hour parking on the west side of Snowcrest Avenue, just south of Cummer Avenue, north of the school's driveway. It was observed that the vehicles that are

parked within the three-hour parking cause traffic to back up onto Cummer Avenue, especially the school buses attempting to turn onto Snowcrest Avenue, as the roadway is too narrow to allow for two-way traffic and on-street parking.

In order to alleviate traffic back up onto Cummer Avenue, as well as congestion on Snowcrest Avenue, staff are recommending that the School Bus Loading Zone, supplemented as a No Stopping prohibition, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday (buses excepted), on the west side of Snowcrest Avenue between a point 90 metres south of Cummer Avenue and a point 110 metres further south be extended up to Cummer Avenue, which will remove the existing three-hour parking on the west side of Snowcrest Avenue between Cummer Avenue and a point 90 metres south of Cummer Avenue. Staff are also recommending that eastbound left turns be prohibited out of the Lester B. Pearson Elementary School parking lot access during school arrival and dismissal times, in order to reduce congestion within the schools driveway access.

The proposed changes will address safety concerns, as well congestion issues within the vicinity of Lester B. Pearson Elementary School.

The Ward Councillor is aware of the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - Parking Regulation Amendments and Left-turn Prohibition - Snowcrest Avenue

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