

Parking Regulations and Left-turn Prohibition - Bialik Hebrew Day School

Date: July 8, 2019

To: North York Community Council

From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 8 - Eglinton-Lawrence

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 amend the parking regulations on the streets surrounding Bialik Hebrew Day School, including Hillmount Avenue, Viewmount Avenue and Glenmount Avenue. This is in order to facilitate safe and efficient student pick-up/drop-off activity. Approval is also requested to prohibited left-turns out of the school driveway on Viewmount Avenue during arrival and dismissal times. This is due to congestion resulting from the close proximity to Bathurst Street.

The proposed parking amendments will allow parents to drop-off and pick-up their children while reducing congestion and enhancing safety on the streets surrounding the school. The proposed left-turn prohibition will reduce congestion on Viewmount Avenue that extends into the intersection with Bathurst Street.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Prohibit parking from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Hillmount Avenue, between a point 66 metres west of Bathurst Street and a point 35 metres east of Glenmount Avenue.
2. Prohibit parking from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side Glenmount Avenue, between Viewmount Avenue and Hillmount Avenue.

3. Prohibit parking from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side of Viewmount Avenue, between a point 54 metres west of Bathurst Street and a point 55 metres east of Glenmount Avenue.
4. Prohibit stopping at all times on the south side of Hillmount Avenue, between Bathurst Street and a point 41 metres west.
5. Prohibit stopping at all times on the north side of Viewmount Avenue, between Bathurst Street and a point 43 metres west.
6. Designate accessible parking on the north side of Viewmount Avenue, between a point 43 metres west of Bathurst Street and a point 11 metres further west.
7. Designate a school bus loading zone in effect from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Hillmount Avenue, between a point 41 metres west of Bathurst Street and a point 25 metres further west.
8. Prohibit stopping from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Hillmount Avenue, between a point 41 metres west of Bathurst Street and a point 25 metres further west.
9. Prohibit parking from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Hillmount Avenue, between a point 41 metres west of Bathurst Street and a point 25 metres further west.
10. Prohibit southbound left-turns from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, out of the driveway access serving 2760 Bathurst Street, located on the north side of Viewmount Avenue, at a point 45 metres west of Bathurst Street.
11. Rescind the existing maximum 15 minute parking limit in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side of Viewmount Avenue, between a point 30 metres west of Bathurst Street and a point 94 metres west of Bathurst Street.
12. Rescind the existing maximum 15 minute parking limit in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Glenmount Avenue, between Hillmount Avenue and Viewmount Avenue.
13. Rescind the existing maximum 15 minute parking limit in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Hillmount Avenue, between a point 83 metres west of Bathurst Street and a point 30 metres west thereof.
14. Rescind the existing maximum 30 minute parking limit, in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Hillmount Avenue, between Glenmount Avenue and a point 80 metres west of Bathurst Street.
15. Rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times on the south side of Hillmount Avenue, between Bathurst Street and a point 83 metres west of Bathurst Street.

16. Rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times on the north side of Viewmount Avenue, between Bathurst Street and a point 30 metres west.

17. Rescind the existing stopping prohibition in effect at all times on the south side of Hillmount Avenue between Bathurst Street and a point 80 metres west.

18. Rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times on the south side of Hillmount Avenue, between a point 113 metres west of Bathurst Street and Glenmount Avenue.

19. Prohibit parking at all times on the south side of Hillmount Avenue, between Glenmount Avenue and a point 35 metres east.

20. Rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times on the north side of Viewmount Avenue, between a point 94 metres west of Bathurst Street and Glenmount Avenue.

21. Prohibit parking at all times on the north side of Viewmount Avenue, between Glenmount Avenue and a point 55 metres east.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the changes to the parking signs and designation of the left-turn prohibition 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 Councillor Mike Colle's staff and Bialik Hebrew Day School staff to address the current drop-off and pick-up activities in the vicinity of the school that are resulting in traffic congestion. School staff also requested the designation of a school bus loading zone on Hillmount Avenue and two accessible parking spaces on Viewmount Avenue, to be shared with the Torah Emes Synagogue, located on the opposite (south) side of the street from the school.

Bialik Hebrew Day School is located on the west side of Bathurst Street at No. 2760 and is bounded by Hillmount Avenue to the north, Viewmount Avenue to the south and Glenmount Avenue to the west. The school has a one-way in driveway on Hillmount Avenue and a one-way out driveway on Viewmount Avenue.

Bathurst Street is a major arterial street consisting of two lanes northbound, two lanes southbound and a two-way centre left-turn lane, in the vicinity of the school. Hillmount Avenue, Viewmount Avenue and Glenmount Avenue are 8.5 metre wide, two-way local streets with sidewalks on both sides. The intersection of Bathurst Street and Viewmount Avenue is controlled by traffic signals. Hillmount Avenue is stop controlled at Bathurst Street and northbound left-turns and southbound right-turns are prohibited at the intersection from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. There is no TTC service on these local streets.

PARKING REGULATIONS

Generally, parking is allowed for a maximum of 15 minutes from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the school sides of Hillmount Avenue, Viewmount Avenue and Glenmount Avenue. Stopping is prohibited at the same times on the opposite side of these streets. Parking is prohibited at all times on both sides of Bathurst Street and stopping is prohibited from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday on the west side and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the east side.

Observations during the spring of 2019 revealed that on-street parking on Hillmount Avenue, Viewmount Avenue and Glenmount Avenue is fully occupied during school arrival and dismissal times by school parents, many of whom park longer than the 15 minute maximum. As a result, some parents double park or stop in the travelled portion of the road to drop-off or pick-up their children. This results in traffic congestion on these streets that sometimes extends to Bathurst Street. This situation is exacerbated in the winter due to snow accumulation, which narrows the road.

To address these concerns, it is recommended that the maximum 15 minute parking limit on Hillmount Avenue, Viewmount Avenue and Glenmount Avenue be changed to a parking prohibition during school arrival and dismissal times (8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday). The parking prohibition signs would be supplemented with student pick-up/drop-off advisory signs. This will allow parents to pick-up/drop-off children but limit the waiting in this area, thus creating better turn-over. School staff are supportive of this change since parents are not required to walk their children in or out of the school. Outside of arrival and dismissal times parking would be allowed for up to three hours on the school side of these streets.

It is also recommended that the existing parking prohibitions on the south side of Hillmount Avenue, within 83 metres of Bathurst Street, and on the north side of Viewmount Avenue, within 30 metres of Bathurst Street, be changed to stopping prohibitions. Pick-up/drop-off activity in these areas can cause traffic congestion that extends onto Bathurst Street. Prohibiting stopping will discourage this activity.

SCHOOL BUS LOADING ZONE AND ACCESSIBLE PARKING

It is feasible to designate a school bus loading zone on the south side of Hillmount Avenue, between the school access and a point 25 metres west, as requested by the school. The loading zone will only be in effect from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday with supplementary stopping prohibition signs as this is the only time the bus

picks-up students. Parking will be prohibited in this area from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00, Monday to Friday. Outside the above times parking will be allowed for up to three hours.

It is also feasible to designate the two requested accessible parking spaces on the north side of Viewmount Avenue, between the school access and a point 11 metres west. These parking spaces will be available to all accessible permit holders.

LEFT-TURN PROHIBITION OUT OF SCHOOL ACCESS

The school exit onto Viewmount Avenue is located 45 metres west of Bathurst Street. Due to the close proximity, the eastbound queue on Viewmount Avenue approaching Bathurst Street usually extends beyond the school driveway. As a result, southbound left-turns out of the school driveway that are waiting to merge with eastbound traffic often obstruct westbound traffic on Viewmount Avenue. This causes westbound traffic to back up onto Bathurst Street.

To address this matter the school has installed signs on their property advising that only right-turns are permitted out of the driveway during arrival and dismissal times. However, since the signs are not enforceable, they are regularly ignored. Therefore it is recommended that southbound left-turns be prohibited from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, from the school driveway onto Viewmount Avenue. This will allow for the installation of on-street regulatory signage and enforcement by the Toronto Police Service.

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

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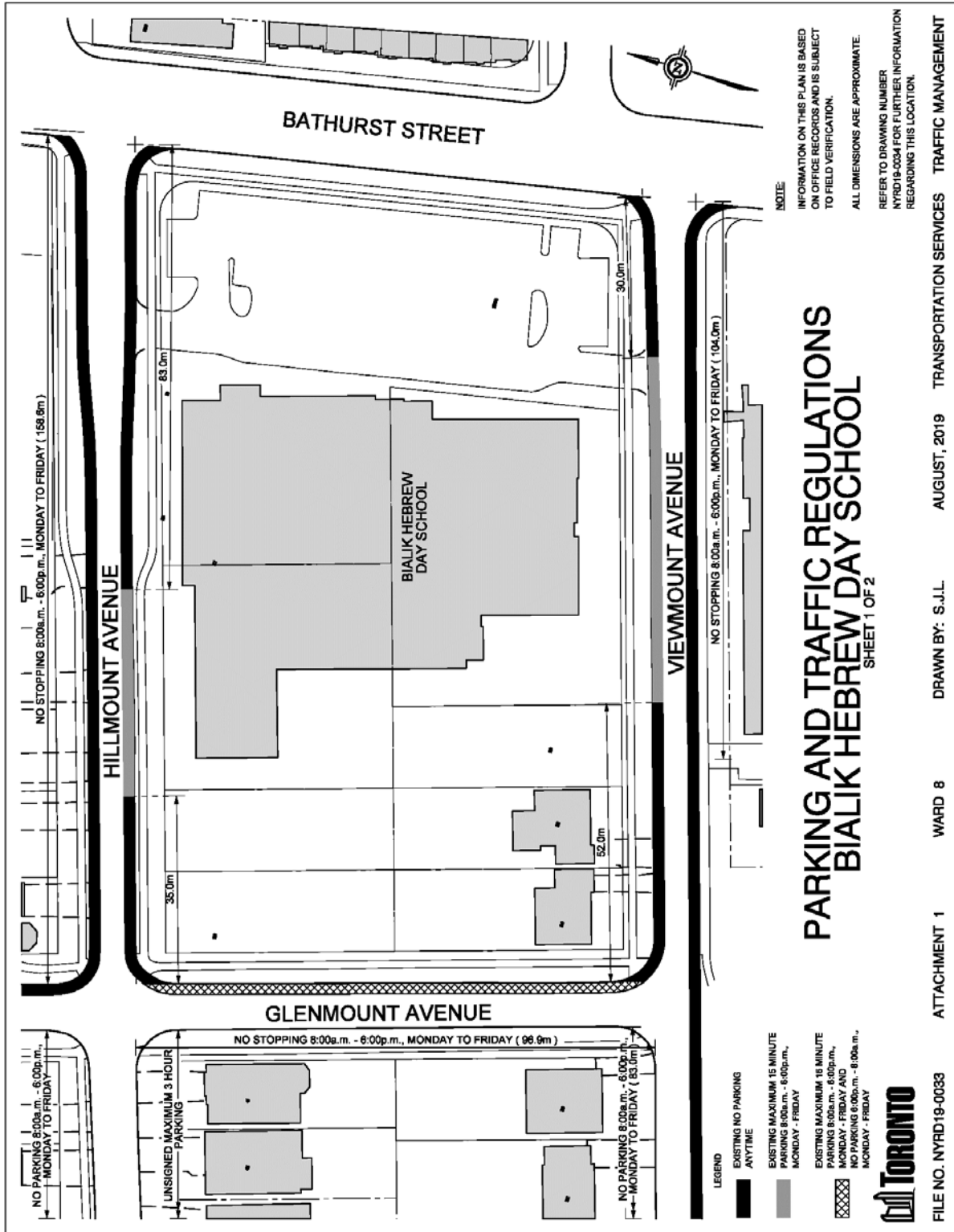
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - Existing Parking Regulations - Bialik Hebrew Day School

Attachment 2: Map - Proposed Parking Regulations & Left-turn Prohibition - Bialik Hebrew Day School

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LEGEND

- PROPOSED NO PARKING ANYTIME
- PROPOSED NO STOPPING ANYTIME
- PROPOSED SCHOOL BUS LOADING ZONE
- NO PARKING 8:00a.m. - 8:00p.m. AND NO STOPPING 8:00a.m. - 8:00p.m. MONDAY - FRIDAY
- PROPOSED STUDENT PICK-UP/DROP-OFF AREA
- NO PARKING 8:00a.m. - 8:00p.m. AND NO STOPPING 8:00a.m. - 8:00p.m. MONDAY - FRIDAY
- PROPOSED ACCESSIBLE PARKING

EXISTING NO PARKING ANYTIME AND NO STOPPING 8:00a.m. - 8:00p.m. MONDAY TO FRIDAY TO REMAIN (158.0m)

EXISTING NO STOPPING 8:00a.m. - 8:00p.m. MONDAY TO FRIDAY TO REMAIN (98.0m)

UNUSUED MAXIMUM 3 HOUR PARKING TO REMAIN

NO PARKING 8:00a.m. - 8:00p.m. MONDAY TO FRIDAY TO REMAIN (83.0m)

BIALIK HEBREW DAY SCHOOL

HILLMOUNT AVENUE

VIEWMOUNT AVENUE

BATHURST STREET

GLENMOUNT AVENUE

NOTE:
INFORMATION ON THIS PLAN IS BASED ON OFFICE RECORDS AND IS SUBJECT TO FIELD VERIFICATION.
ALL DIMENSIONS ARE APPROXIMATE.
REFER TO DRAWING NUMBER NYR019-0033 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THIS LOCATION.

TRAFFIC SIGN:
11-38
No Left Turn
Proposed

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ATTACHMENT 2

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