

Removal of School Bus Loading Zone – Dubray Avenue

Date: February 27, 2020
To: North York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 6 – York Centre

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 approval to remove the existing school bus loading zone on Dubray Avenue, north of Wilson Avenue. This recommendation is in consultation with the ward Councillor upon a request from the Toronto District Catholic School Board (TCDSB).

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. North York Community Council authorize removal of the existing school bus loading zone in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily, on the east side of Dubray Avenue, from a point 56 metres north of Wilson Avenue to a point 46 metres further north.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with changing the parking signs are available in the Transportation Services 2020 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

The TCDSB contacted Transportation Services to request removal of the existing school bus loading zone designated for Madonna Catholic Secondary School, located on the east side of Dubray Avenue, north of Wilson Avenue. A map of the area is shown on Attachment 1.

Dubray Avenue is a two lane collector road which runs north of Wilson Avenue and terminates at Paxtonia Boulevard. There are sidewalks on both sides of the street. Madonna Catholic Secondary School is located at 20 Dubray Avenue. The current parking regulations prohibit stopping on the east and north sides of Dubray Avenue from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Parking is prohibited from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the west and south sides. Outside these periods, the City wide three-hour time limit parking applies.

The TCDSB advised Transportation Services staff that school buses for Madonna Catholic Secondary School now use the school's parking lot located behind the school to pick-up and drop-off the students and that parents are also encouraged to avail of the facility for dropping off/picking up their children. Also, the TCDSB advised that many students of Madonna Catholic Secondary School utilize the Toronto Transit Commission to commute to school.

After considering the above, Transportation Services is recommending the removal of the school bus loading zone located on the east side of Dubray Avenue, north of Wilson Avenue. This will alleviate traffic congestion in front of the school and increase the overall safety of road users. The existing weekday, daytime parking and stopping prohibitions on Dubray Avenue will remain unchanged.

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

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Location Plan (School Bus Loading Zone - Dubray Avenue)

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