

Parking Amendments - Kempford Boulevard and Lorraine Drive

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To: North York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 18 - Willowdale

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision.

Transportation Services is recommending that North York Community Council amend the existing parking regulations on Kempford Boulevard and Lorraine Drive to provide short-term parking areas for student pick-up and drop-off activities in the vicinity of St. Cyril Catholic Elementary School located at No. 18 Kempford Boulevard. A stopping prohibition on Kempford Boulevard in the vicinity of the school is also recommended.

The proposed short-term parking areas will assist student pick-up/drop-off activity and will not adversely impact traffic operations on Kempford Boulevard or Lorraine Drive. The proposed stopping prohibition on Kempford Boulevard will address concerns with stopped/parked vehicles blocking the driveways in the vicinity of the school.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. North York Community Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times on the north side of Kempford Boulevard, between Yonge Street and a point 85.4 metres west.
2. North York Community Council authorize parking for a maximum period of 15 minutes from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side of Kempford Boulevard, between Yonge Street and a point 75 metres west.
3. North York Community Council prohibit parking from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. of one day to 8:30 a.m. of the next following day, Monday to Friday and at all times

Saturday and Sunday, on the north side of Kempford Boulevard, between Yonge Street and a point 75 metres west.

4. North York Community Council prohibit stopping at all times on the north side of Kempford Boulevard, between a point 75 metres west of Yonge Street and a point 29 metres west.

5. North York Community Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Lorraine Drive, between Beecroft Road a point 42.5 metres east.

6. North York Community Council authorize parking for a maximum period of 15 minutes from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Lorraine Drive, between Beecroft Road a point 42.5 metres east.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with changing the parking signs are included within the Transportation Services 2020 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

North York Community Council, at its meeting on September 15, 2009 adopted Item NY27.91 and, in so doing, rescinded the designated school bus loading zone and amended parking regulations on the north side of Kempford Boulevard in the vicinity of St. Cyril Catholic Elementary School to create short term parking during the day to facilitate student pick-up and drop-off activities and to remove the existing school bus loading zone, accordingly. The Council decision can be found at:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2009.NY27.91>

North York Community Council, at its meeting on March 22, 2011 adopted Item NY5.17 and, in so doing, amended the parking regulations on the north side of Kempford Boulevard, between Beecroft Road and the driveway to the St. Cyril Catholic Elementary School, to designate a school bus loading zone and to extend the limits of the existing 15-minute parking area. The Council decision can be found at:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2011.NY5.17>

North York Community Council, at its meeting on May 2, 2017 adopted Item NY22.20 and, in so doing, amended parking regulations on Lorraine Drive to address residents' concerns with parking activity causing traffic congestion in the vicinity of the driveway to the condominium at 23 Lorraine Drive. The Council decision can be found at:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2017.NY22.20>

COMMENTS

Transportation Services was requested by Councillor John Fillion, on behalf of St. Cyril Catholic Elementary Separate School, to provide additional short-term parking on Kempford Boulevard and to create a short-term parking area on Lorraine Drive. These short-term parking areas will facilitate on-street student pick-up/drop-off activity and improve the overall safety for pedestrians.

Kempford Boulevard is a two way, east/west collector street with a regulatory speed limit of 40 km/h and a daily traffic volume of approximately 2,400 vehicles. It has a pavement width of 14.5 metres and sidewalks are provided on both sides of the street. Heavy vehicles are prohibited at all times and there is no TTC service provided on Kempford Boulevard.

Kempford Boulevard is approximately 190 metres in length. Traffic control signals are located at its intersections with Beecroft Road and with Yonge Street. The existing land use on Kempford Boulevard is primarily high rise residential. Also, there are commercial uses in the vicinity.

Kempford Boulevard, between Beecroft Road and Yonge Street, is designated as a community safety zone. St. Cyril Catholic Elementary School, No. 18 Kempford Boulevard, is located at the north-east corner of Beecroft Road and Kempford Boulevard.

The following parking regulations are currently in effect on Kempford Boulevard, between Beecroft Road and Yonge Street:

North side

- Parking is prohibited at all times between Yonge Street and a point 85.4 metres west;
- Stopping is prohibited from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, school buses excepted, between a point 104 metres west of Yonge Street and a point 26 metres further west;
- Parking is permitted for a maximum period of 15 minutes from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, between a point 130 metres west of Yonge Street and Beecroft Road; and
- A school bus loading zone, operates from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., between a point 104 metres west of Yonge Street and a point 26 metres further west.

South side

- Stopping is prohibited at all times between Yonge Street and a point 84 metres west;
- Parking machines operate from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, and from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Sunday, at a rate of \$3.00 per hour, for a maximum parking period of 3 hours, between a point 84 metres west of Yonge Street and a point 214 metres west of Yonge Street.

The school has a parking lot with 35 spaces that can also be used by parents for pick-up and drop-off activities.

Lorraine Drive is an 8.5 metre wide, two-way local street that runs east from Beecroft Road then turns north to end just north of Tolman Street. The regulatory speed limit is 40 km/h. Sidewalks are provided on both sides of the street. Heavy vehicles are prohibited at all times and there is no TTC service provided on Lorraine Drive. The existing land use on Lorraine Drive is primarily high-rise residential. Lorraine Drive Park is located at the southeast corner of Lorraine Drive and Beecroft Road.

The following parking regulations are currently in effect on Lorraine Drive, between Beecroft Road and the north end of Lorraine Drive:

North and West Side

- Parking is prohibited at all times between Beecroft Road and the north end of Lorraine Drive.

South and East Side

- Parking is prohibited from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, between Beecroft Road a point 42.5 metres east;
- Parking is prohibited at all times between a point 42.5 metres east of Beecroft Road and Tolman Street; and
- Parking is prohibited from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, between Tolman Street and the north end of Lorraine Drive.

Observations on November 20, 2019 revealed that during the morning arrival times of 8:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m., 54 parents stopped or parked in the school parking lot to drop off their children. During this period, 18 parents parked in the 15-minute authorized parking area, 10 parked in the Pay-and-Display area, 11 parked in violation of the parking prohibition and seven parked in violation of the stopping prohibition.

Observations on November 20, 2019 revealed that during the afternoon dismissal times of 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., 44 parents stopped or parked in the school parking lot to pick-up their children. During this period, 20 parents parked in the 15-minute authorized parking area, 19 parked in the Pay-and-Display area, 14 parked in the violation of the parking prohibition and 7 parked in violation of the stopping prohibition. There were some parents who parked more than 15 minutes in the 15-minute authorized parking area and some parents blocked the adjacent driveways while dropping off and/or picking up their children.

Staff also observed assisted and unassisted children crossed Kempford Boulevard in front of the school. There were some parents and children, who crossed Kempford Boulevard between the parked cars.

To alleviate parking congestion in front of St. Cyril Catholic Elementary School during the morning and afternoon drop off/pick-up times, it is feasible to create approximately eight short-term parking spaces on the north side of Kempford Boulevard, between Yonge Street and a point 75 metres west, and four short-term parking spaces on the south side of Lorraine Drive, between Beecroft Road a point 42.5 metres east. The proposed short-term parking areas will provide clear spaces for parents and guardians to pick-up and drop-off students. Enforcement of the 15-minute parking limit will be necessary to promote parking turnover.

The proposed stopping prohibition in the vicinity of the school will address concerns with stopped/parked vehicles parking and impeding sightlines and turning movements.

The proposed amendments will address the school administration's concerns and improve the overall safety for pedestrians and will improve traffic flow in the vicinity of St. Cyril Catholic Elementary School.

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

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - Parking Amendments - Kempford Boulevard and Lorraine Drive

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