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REPORT FOR ACTION

School Bus Loading Zone - Dufferin Street

Date: February 24, 2020

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 12, Toronto - St. Paul's

SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is recommending designation of a school bus loading zone on the east side of Dufferin Street close to Fairbank Public School's entrance, located at 2335 Dufferin Street, to provide a safe pick-up/drop-off area for students.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- 1. City Council designate a school bus loading zone to operate between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Dufferin Street, between a point 172 metres north of Keywest Avenue and a point 35 metres further north.
- 2. City Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Dufferin Street, between a point 172 metres north of Keywest Avenue and a point 35 metres further north.
- 3. City Council prohibit parking from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, and at all times on Saturday and Sunday, on the east side of Dufferin Street, between a point 172 metres north of Keywest Avenue and a point 35 metres further north.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated cost for signage installation related to the proposed school bus loading zone is \$500.00. These funds are included within the Transportation Services Division's 2020 Operating Budget estimates.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services was requested by the Ward Councillor and the Fairbank Public School's principal to investigate the feasibility of designating a school bus loading zone on the east side of Dufferin Street just north of the existing mid-block pedestrian signal.

Dufferin Street is a four-lane, 13 metre wide major arterial road. The posted speed limit on this segment of Dufferin Street is 40 km/h. Sidewalks are located on both sides of the street. TTC operates daily bus service on the street. A mid-block pedestrian signal is located on Dufferin Street at a point 152 metres north of Keywest Avenue.

Fairbank Public School, 2335 Dufferin Street, is located on the east side of Dufferin Street.

The following parking regulations have generally been signed near Fairbank Public School:

East side

- No stopping from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays, between Davenport Road and Eglinton Avenue West,
- No parking from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays, between a point 30.5 metres south of Eglinton Avenue West and Holmesdale Avenue, and
- Statutory maximum three-hour parking at all other times (unsigned).

West side

- No stopping anytime between Eglinton Avenue West and Hunter Avenue;
- No stopping from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, between Hunter Avenue and Eversfield Road; and
- No parking anytime between Hunter Avenue and Eversfield Road.

In October of 2019, Transportation Services staff met with Councillor Josh Matlow's staff and the school principal regarding the designation of a school bus loading zone close to the school's entrance to provide students with a safe pick-up-/drop-off area. It was determined that a school bus loading zone could be established on the east side of Dufferin Street, between a point 172 metres north of Keywest Avenue and a point 35 metres further north to operate between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. The existing parking prohibition in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, and three-hour time limit parking at all other times (unsigned, statutory) will be replaced by the no stopping from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. within the school bus loading zone and parking will be prohibited at all other times.

Councillor Josh Matlow and TTC staff have been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENT

1. Drawing No. 421G-3674, dated February 2019

