

Parking Amendments - Wilson Avenue

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To: North York Community Council

From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 8 - Eglinton Lawrence

SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is recommending that stopping be prohibited from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays, on the north side of Wilson Avenue, between Belgrave Avenue a point 167.5 metres west. Armour Heights Public School is located on the north side of this section of Wilson Avenue and it is not desirable to drop-off or pick-up students in this area. This activity also impedes traffic flow on Wilson Avenue. The prohibition is necessary to discourage this activity.

During the course of a traffic investigation, it was noted that the recommended stopping prohibition is posted on Wilson Avenue with only partially supporting regulations. The recommendation in this report will correct this inconsistency.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. City Council amend the existing stopping prohibition in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays, on the north side of Wilson Avenue, between Belgrave Avenue and a point 167.5 metres west, to be in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost associated with maintaining the existing stopping prohibition signs is available within the Transportation Services 2021 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

A resident contacted 311 Toronto and requested the replacement of a faded, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, stopping prohibition sign on the north side of Wilson Avenue, west of Belgrave Avenue. The stopping prohibition is intended to discourage drop-off or pick-up activity of students of Armour Heights Public School. During the review of this request it was revealed that there is no supporting traffic regulation for the posted stopping prohibition.

Existing Conditions

Wilson Avenue is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a four-lane, east/west, major arterial roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 15 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 28,000 vehicles
- The unposted speed limit is 50 km/h
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is TTC service provided by the 96, 165, 396 and 996 bus routes
- There are sidewalks on both sides of the street
- Armour Heights Elementary Public School is located on the north side of Wilson Avenue, just west of Belgrave Avenue
- A community safety zone is designated on the subject section of Wilson Avenue

The by-lawed parking regulations on Wilson Avenue along the frontage of Armour Heights Public School are as follows:

North side

- No stopping, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays
- Three-hour maximum limit (statutory, unsigned) at all other times

South side

- No stopping, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays
- Three-hour maximum limit (statutory, unsigned) at all other times

Our field review disclosed a discrepancy between the by-lawed and posted signage. Specifically, the posted signs prohibit stopping from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays, on the north side of Wilson Avenue, between Belgrave Avenue a point 167.5 metres west.

Proposed Changes

Prohibiting stopping from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays, on the north side of Wilson Avenue, between Belgrave Avenue a point 167.5 metres west, would address the inconsistency between the posted signs and the traffic regulation. The prohibition is necessary to discourage parents from dropping-off or

picking-up their children on Wilson Avenue. Observations revealed that this activity currently occurs within the school's parking lot.

A map of the area and proposed parking amendments is included in Attachment 1.

The Ward Councillor has been advised of the recommendation of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - Wilson Avenue Parking Regulations

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