

Parking Amendments - Stamford Square South

Date: April 29, 2021

To: Scarborough Community Council

From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 20, Scarborough Southwest

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Transportation Services is recommending short-term parking be provided on the south side, and no stopping on the north side of Stamford Square South in the vicinity of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School. The proposed changes will allow for parents/guardians to pick-up/drop-off students near the schools frontage and prevent students from crossing the road after getting picked-up/dropped-off by parents. The proposed changes will allow for two-way traffic flow and reduce congestion on Stamford Square South during the schools start and end times.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Scarborough Community Council authorize maximum 15-minute parking on the west and south side of Stamford Square South, between Stamford Square North and a point 141 metres further south and east, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, except public holidays, from September 1 of one year to June 30 of the next year.
2. Scarborough Community Council authorize maximum 15-minute parking on the south, and east side of Stamford Square South, between Stellarton Road and a point 95 metres south and west, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, except public holidays, from September 1 of one year to June 30 of the next year.

3. Scarborough Community Council prohibit stopping on the north, east, and west side (opposite to school side) of Stamford Square South, between Stamford Square North and Stellarton Road from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, except public holidays, from September 1 of one year to June 30 of the next year.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage costs associated with the proposed amendments are approximately \$3,500.00. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2021 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

The Ward Councillor, on behalf of residents, requested a safety review be conducted of the school bus loading zone and traffic activities on Stamford Square South in the vicinity of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School.

Existing Conditions

Stamford Square South is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, east-west, local roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 8.4 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 325 vehicles
- The posted speed limit is 40 km/h
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is no TTC service provided
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street

The surrounding land use mostly consists of single family residential homes and Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School is located on the south side of Stamford Square South

The parking regulations on Stamford Square South, within the subject section are as follows:

North Side

- Default three-hour parking is permitted

South Side

- There is a School Bus Loading Zone from a point 141 metres south and east of Stamford Square North and a point 85 metres further east
- Besides the School Bus Loading Zone, default three-hour parking is permitted

Proposed Changes

During the review on Stamford Square South, staff found that when school buses park on the south side, and vehicles park directly across on the north side of the road, it creates congestion and prohibits two-way traffic flow.

Therefore, permitting maximum 15-minute parking on the south side of Stamford Square South will allow parents to pick-up/drop-off students near the school frontage (same side as the school buses loading zone). Prohibiting stopping on the north side of Stamford Square South will prevent any vehicles from stopping and students from crossing the road while getting dropped-off/picked-up. As a result, this will allow for a two-way traffic flow and reduce congestion during the school's start and end times.

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

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

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - Parking Amendments - Stamford Square South, between Stamford Square North and Stellarton Road

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