

School Bus Loading Zone - Cornelius Parkway

Date: June 9, 2022

To: Etobicoke York Community Council

From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 5 - York South-Weston

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 the extension of the existing school bus loading zone on the west side of Cornelius Parkway, south of Rustic Road. The proposed changes will eliminate the short-term parking and accommodate additional school buses that load and unload students at Ecole elementaire Mathieu-Da-Costa School.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Etobicoke York Community Council amend the existing stopping prohibition in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the west side of Cornelius Parkway between a point 55 metres south of the southerly limit of Rustic Road and a point 110 metres south of the southerly limit of Rustic Road to be in effect on the west side of Cornelius Parkway from Rustic Road and a point 185 metres further south.
2. Etobicoke York Community Council rescind the existing time maximum 15 minute parking regulation, in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the west side of Cornelius Parkway between the southerly limit of Edison Circle and a point 82 metres south of the southerly limit of Edison Circle.
3. Etobicoke York Community Council amend the existing School Bus Loading Zone on the west side of Cornelius Parkway, between the southerly limit of Edison Circle and a point 30 metres northerly thereof to be in effect from a point 80 metres south of Rustic Road and a point 112 metres further south.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage costs associated with the proposed amendments are approximately \$1,000.00. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2022 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

Humber York Community Council at its meeting on February 4, 2003 adopted Report 1, Clause 16 (Stopping/Parking Amendments - Cornelius Parkway) without amendments.

<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/2003/agendas/council/cc030204/yk1rpt/cl016.pdf>

COMMENTS

The Ward Councillor, on behalf of Ecole elementaire Mathieu-Da-Costa School administration, requested that the existing short-term parking be removed on the west side of Cornelius Parkway, fronting the school, and the school bus loading zone be extended to accommodate additional school buses.

Existing Conditions

Cornelius Parkway is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two lane, north-south, local roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 8.5 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 800 vehicles
- The speed limit is 40 km/h
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is no TTC service provided.
- There is a sidewalk located on the west side of the street
- The subject section of the road is a designated Community Safety Zone.
- The Ecole elementaire Mathieu-Da-Costa School is located on the west side of the road, south of Rustic Road.

The parking regulations on Cornelius Parkway, within the subject section are as follows:

West side

- Stopping is prohibited from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, between Rustic Road and a point 110 metres south of Rustic Road.
- 15 minutes parking, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, between a point opposite Edison Circle and a point 82 metres south of a point opposite Edison Circle
- School Bus Loading Zone from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., between Edison Circle and a point 30 metres north.

East side

- Stopping is prohibited from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, from a point 82 metres south of the southerly limit of Rustic Road to a point 187 metres south of the southerly limit of Rustic Road

Proposed Changes

The proposed parking amendments will allow for the extension of the existing school bus loading zone further south, accommodating approximately 10 school buses, and will not adversely impact the flow of two-way traffic on Cornelius Parkway. Under the Ontario Highway Traffic Act, school buses within a designated school bus loading zone are not required to have their red flashing lights and stop arm activated during the boarding and alighting of passengers, thus reducing vehicle delay and traffic congestion on a given street.

A map of the area and proposed parking amendments are 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 - School Bus Loading Zone - Cornelius Parkway

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