

School Bus Loading Zone - Overbrook Place

Date: February 4, 2022
To: North York Community Council
From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 6 – York Centre

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 designation of a school bus loading zone on the south side of Overbrook Place, between Wilmington Avenue and Shaftesbury Street to accommodate school buses that load and unload students at The Anne & Max Tanenbaum Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto.

During the course of the investigation, it was noted that there is a discrepancy between posted signs and the existing parking regulations. Recommendation 3 will correct this inconsistency

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. North York Community Council amend the existing stopping prohibition in effect from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Overbrook Place, between Wilmington Avenue and Shaftesbury Street, to be in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.
2. North York Community Council designate a school bus loading zone to be in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Overbrook Place, between a point 30 metres west of Wilmington Avenue and a point 110 metres further west.
3. North York Community Council amend the existing parking prohibition in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Overbrook Place, between the easterly limit of Wilson Heights Boulevard and Wilmington Avenue to be in effect between Dufferin Street and Shaftesbury Street.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated cost for signage installation related to the proposed school bus loading zone are approximately \$1000.00. Funding is available within the Transportation Services interim 2022 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

The Anne & Max Tanenbaum Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto has advised Transportation Services that the existing 60.2 metre school bus loading zone located on Wilmington Avenue does not provide sufficient space for the amount of school buses servicing the school with the loading/unloading of students. They have requested that a school bus loading zone be designated on the south side of Overbrook Place to enhance the safety of students accessing the school.

Existing Conditions

Overbrook Place is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, east-west, collector roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 8.5 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 3,400 vehicles
- The posted regulatory speed limit is 30 km/h with traffic calming (speed humps)
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- No TTC service provided
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street

The parking regulations on Overbrook Place, within the subject section are as follows:

North side

- No parking anytime, between Wilmington Avenue and the easterly limit of Wilson Heights Boulevard

South side

- No parking from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, between The easterly limit of Wilson Heights Boulevard and Wilmington Avenue
- No Stopping from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, Wilmington Avenue and Shaftesbury Street

It should be noted that there is an existing designated school bus loading zone on the west side of Wilmington Avenue, between a point 32.6 metres south of Overbrook Place to a point 60.2 metres south that will be extended an additional 30 metres. As Wilmington Avenue is a TTC route City Council approval of that report is required.

Proposed Changes

In consultation with staff, the Ward Councillor and administration from The Anne & Max Tanenbaum Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, Transportation Services recommends the designation of a school bus loading zone, to be in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday on the south side of Overbrook Place between a point 30 metres west of Wilmington Avenue to a point 110 metres further west. 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 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 - School Bus Loading Zone - Overbrook Place

