

Parking Amendments - Gulfstream Road

Date: March 16, 2023

To: Etobicoke-York Community Council

From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 7 - Humber River-Black Creek

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 numerous amendments to the parking regulations on Gulfstream Road, in the area of Gulfstream Public School. The proposed amendments will provide an area for short term parking for parents/guardians to accompany students to/from the school and improve safety/reduce congestion in the area by prohibiting stopping opposite the school.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Etobicoke York Community Council prohibit stopping from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Gulfstream Road, between Indrio Road and a point 85 metres west.
2. Etobicoke York Community Council amend the existing stopping prohibition in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side of Gulfstream Road, between a point 76.3 metres east of St. Lucie Drive and a point 259.3 metres east of St. Lucie Drive, to be in effect from a point 38 metres west of Indrio Road and a point 129.3 metres east.
3. Etobicoke York Community Council rescind the existing School Bus Loading in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the north side of Gulfstream Road, between a point opposite the west limit of Indrio Road and a point 61 metres west thereof.
4. Etobicoke York Community Council authorize parking for a maximum period of 10 minutes from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side of Gulfstream Road, between a point 38 metres west of Indrio Road and a point 65 metres further west.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage costs associated with the proposed amendments are approximately \$1,500.00. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2023 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

The Ward Councillor, the principal of Gulfstream Public School and Transportation Services Staff attended a meeting at Gulfstream Public School, 20 Gulfstream Road, to discuss traffic concerns in the area of the school, including a review of the existing parking regulations due to concerns with overall traffic operations in the area of the school. During discussions it was noted the school no longer utilizes the existing School Bus Loading Zone on the north side of Gulfstream Road, abutting the school property. As a result, it was determined that a portion of this area would be better utilized for short duration parking for caregivers required to assist children to and from school. In addition, concerns were raised regarding congestion on Gulfstream Road, in the area of the school, when vehicles are parked on both sides of the roadway.

Existing Conditions

Gulfstream Road is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a 2-lane, east-west, local roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 8.5 metres
- The speed limit is 30 km/h
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is no TTC service provided
- There are sidewalks located on the north side of the street

The parking regulations on Gulfstream Road, within the subject section are as follows:

North side

- No stopping 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, from a point 76.3 metres east of St. Lucie Drive and a point 259.3 metres east of St. Lucie Drive
- School Bus Loading Zone from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., daily from a point opposite the west limit of Indrio Road and a point 61 metres west thereof

South side

- The unsigned statutory three-hour maximum parking limit is in effect at all times

Proposed Changes

The existing School Bus Loading Zone on the north side of Gulfstream Road be removed and that parking be allowed for a maximum of 10 minutes on the north side of Gulfstream Road, within the portion of the School Bus Loading Zone in which parking can be accommodated. In addition, it was also recommended that stopping be

prohibited during school operating hours opposite the school due to concerns with student safety and traffic congestion in the area.

The proposed regulations will provide an area for short term parking for parents/guardians to accompany students to/from the school and reduce congestion in the area by prohibiting stopping opposite the school.

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 - Gulfstream Road

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