REPORT FOR ACTION

Parking Amendments - Chalkfarm Drive

Date: April 27, 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 Chalkfarm Drive, in the area of Chalkfarm Pubic 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. In addition, it is recommended that northbound "U" turns be prohibited in the area of the school.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Etobicoke York Community Council prohibit stopping from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Chalkfarm Drive, between Gravenhurst Avenue and Heavitree Drive/Neames Crescent.

2. Etobicoke York Community Council rescind the existing School Bus Loading in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., on the west side of Chalkfarm Drive, between a point 30.5 metres south of Gravenhurst Avenue and a point 30 metres south thereof.

3. Etobicoke York Community Council rescind the existing stopping prohibition in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Chalkfarm Drive between, Gravenhurst Avenue and a point 128.2 metres south of Gravenhurst Avenue

4. Etobicoke York Community Council authorize parking for a maximum period of 10 minutes from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Chalkfarm Drive, between Gravenhurst Avenue and a point 45 metres north of Heavitree Drive/Neames Crescent.

5. Etobicoke York Community Council prohibit northbound U-turn movements at all times on Chalkfarm Drive, between Gravenhurst Avenue and Heavitree Drive/Neames Crescent.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage costs associated with the proposed amendments are approximately $2,500.00. 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 Chalkfarm Public School and Transportation Services Staff attended a meeting at Chalkfarm Public School, 100 Chalkfarm Drive, to discuss traffic concerns, including a review of the existing parking regulations due to concerns with overall traffic operations in the area of the school. Currently stopping is prohibited on the west side of Chalkfarm Drive, abutting the school and parking is allowed opposite the school. Based on our observations and discussions with staff from the Ward Councillor and school staff, it was determined that the best option was to allow for short term parking on Chalkfarm Drive, abutting the school and to prohibit stopping opposite the school. In addition, several vehicles were noted completing northbound "U" turns in the area, reducing safety and increasing congestion.

Existing Conditions

Chalkfarm Drive is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, north-south/east-west, collector roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 8.5 metres
- The 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 parking regulations on Chalkfarm Drive, within the subject section are as follows:

West side

- No stopping 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, between Gravenhurst Avenue and a point 128.2 metres south of Gravenhurst Avenue
- School Bus Loading Zone from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., daily from a point 30.5 metres south of Gravenhurst Avenue and a point 30 metres south thereof

East side

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

Proposed Changes

The existing School Bus Loading Zone, that is no longer utilized and No Stopping regulation, on the west side of Chalkfarm Drive, be removed and that parking be allowed for a maximum of 10 minutes on the west side of Chalkfarm Drive, abutting the school property. It is 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. In addition, it is recommended that northbound "U" turns be prohibited at all times, in the area of the 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 and northbound U-turn movements.

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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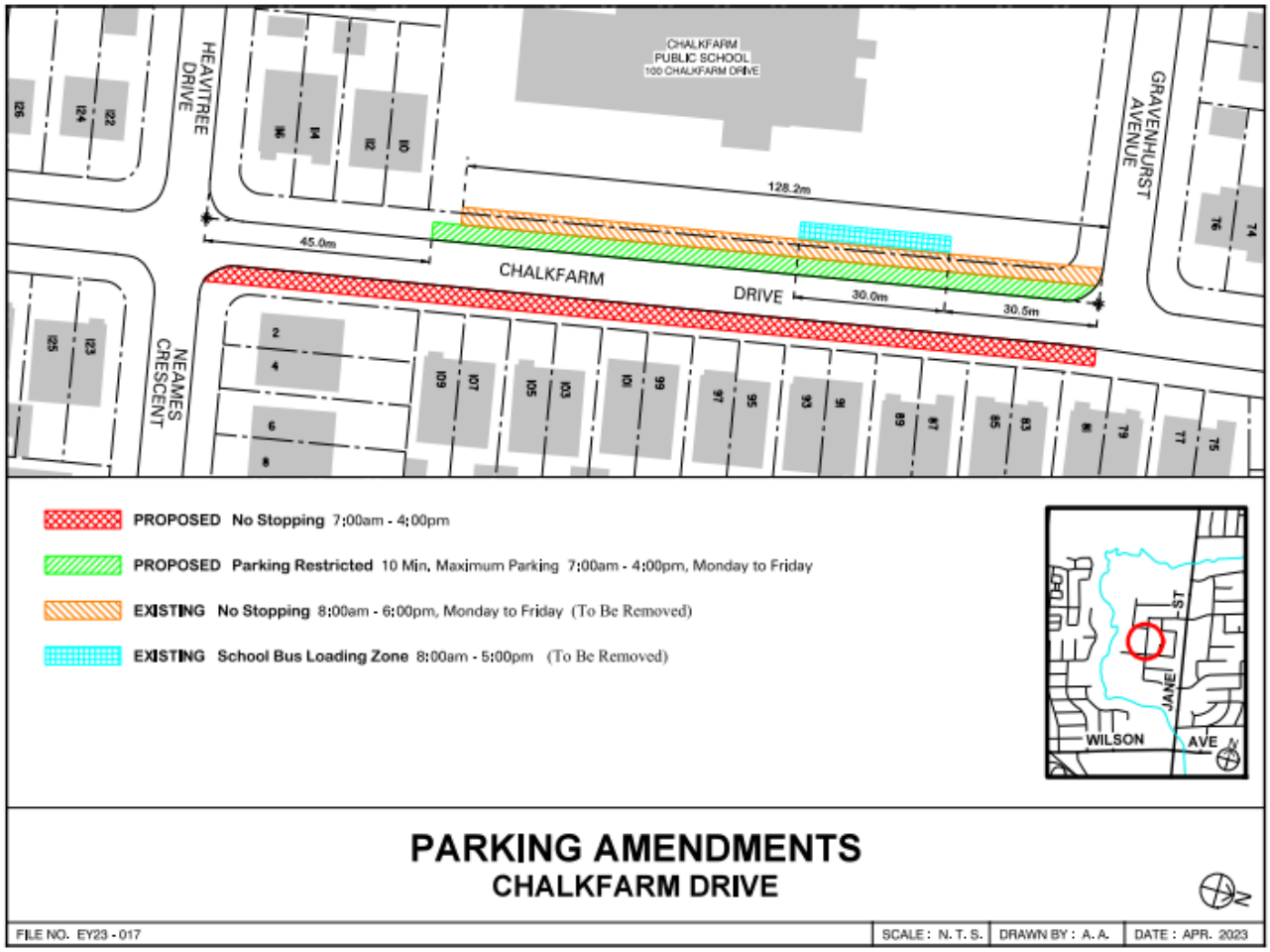
ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - Parking Amendments - Chalkfarm Drive

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