

## **Parking Amendments - Mason Boulevard**

**Date:** June 2, 2023

**To:** North York Community Council

**From:** Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

**Wards:** Ward 8 - Eglinton-Lawrence

### **SUMMARY**

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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 that stopping be prohibited from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south and west sides of Mason Boulevard, between De Vere Gardens and Harley Avenue. A similar stopping prohibition is recommended on the east side of Mason Boulevard, between McGlashan Road and a point 15 metres south. Currently parking is prohibited in these areas.

The proposed stopping prohibitions will alleviate traffic congestion and resulting safety concerns caused by student drop-off and pick-up activity at Loretto Abbey Catholic Secondary School, located on the east side of Mason Boulevard. There is adequate space on the east side of Mason Boulevard to accommodate student drop-off and pick-up activity.

During the course of the investigation it was noted that there is a discrepancy between posted signs and the existing parking regulations. Recommendations 6 and 7 will correct this inconsistency.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. North York Community Council prohibit stopping from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south and west sides of Mason Boulevard, between De Vere Gardens and Harley Avenue.

2. North York Community Council prohibit stopping from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Mason Boulevard, between McGlashan Road and a point 15 metres south.
3. North York Community Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Mason Boulevard, between a point 67 metres north of Dunster Avenue and De Vere Gardens.
4. North York Community Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on west side of Mason Boulevard, between Dunster Avenue and a point 67 metres north.
5. North York Community Council amend the existing parking prohibition in effect at all times, on west side of Mason Boulevard, between Harley Avenue and Dunster Avenue, to be in effect from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. of the next following day, Monday to Friday and at all times Saturday and Sunday.
6. North York Community Council prohibit parking at all times on the east side of Mason Boulevard, between Dunster Avenue and a point 27 metres south.
7. North York Community Council amend the existing parking prohibition in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Mason Boulevard, between a point opposite the southerly limit of Dunster Avenue and a point 64 metres south of McGlashan Road, to be in effect between a point 48 metres north of McGlashan Road and McGlashan Road; and between a point 15 metres south of McGlashan Road and a point 64 metres south of McGlashan Road.
8. North York Community Council prohibit parking from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the east side of Mason Boulevard, between McGlashan Road and a point 15 metres south.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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The signage costs associated with the proposed amendments are approximately \$2,000. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2023 Operating Budget.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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This report addresses a new initiative.

## **COMMENTS**

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The Ward Councillor, on behalf of local residents, requested Transportation Services to prohibit stopping on the west side of Mason Boulevard during the arrival and dismissal times of Loretto Abbey Catholic Secondary School. This was requested to address safety concerns caused by traffic congestion in the vicinity of the school.

## **Existing Conditions**

Mason Boulevard is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, north-south local roadway that turns west
- It operates two-way on a pavement width of approximately 8.5 metres
- The signed speed limit is 40 km/h
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is no TTC service
- There are no sidewalks on either side of the street
- Loretto Abbey Catholic Secondary School is located on the east side of the street
- A school safety zone is designated on Mason Boulevard

The parking regulations on the subject section Mason Boulevard are as follows:

### **West side**

- No parking anytime between Harley Avenue and Dunster Avenue
- No parking from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday to Friday between Dunster Avenue and a point 67 metres north
- No parking from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Monday to Friday between a point 67 metres north of Dunster Avenue and De Vere Gardens

### **East side**

- No parking from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday between a point 48 metres north of McGlashan Court and a point 76 metres south of McGlashan Court
- No parking anytime between a point 48 metres north of McGlashan Court and Dunster Avenue
- No parking from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Monday to Friday between Dunster Avenue and De Vere Gardens

## **Proposed Changes**

Observations revealed vehicles stopped and standing on both sides of Mason Boulevard to drop-off and pick-up students of Loretto Abbey Catholic Secondary School. When this occurs two-way traffic is obstructed. The intersection of Mason Boulevard and McGlashan Road is often congested due to this activity.

The proposed stopping prohibitions during school arrival and dismissal times will address this issue. There is adequate space on the east side of Mason Boulevard to accommodate student drop-off and pick-up activity.

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.

## **CONTACT**

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1: Map - Parking Amendments - Mason Boulevard

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