

School Bus Loading Zone - Yorkview Drive

Date: October 27, 2023

To: North York Community Council

From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 18 - Willowdale

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 north side of Yorkview Drive, adjacent to Yorkview Public School located at 130 Yorkview Drive. The proposed changes will accommodate three large school buses for loading and unloading of students and improve traffic operations in the area of the school.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. North York Community Council amend the existing School Bus Loading Zone designation in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., on the north side of Yorkview Drive, between a point 76.2 metres west of Bevdale Road (southwest intersection) and a point 30 metres west thereof to be in effect, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday between a point 69 metres west of Bevdale Road (southwest intersection) and a point 62 metres further west.
2. North York Community Council prohibit stopping from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the north side of Yorkview Drive, between a point 69 metres west of Bevdale Road (southwest intersection) and a point 62 metres further west.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage costs associated with the proposed amendments are approximately \$1,000.00. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2023 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services was requested by Yorkview Public School to investigate the feasibility of extending the existing School Bus Loading Zone adjacent to the school property.

Existing Conditions

Yorkview Drive is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, east-west, local roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 8.5 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 1,100 vehicles
- The speed limit is 30 km/h
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is no TTC service
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street
- There is a designated Community Safety Zone, between Bevdale Road and Muirkirk Road
- The land use in the area consists single-family residential dwellings.
- Yorkview Public School is located on the north side of the street at 130 Yorkview Drive.

The parking regulations on Yorkview Drive, within the subject section are as follows:

North side

- School bus loading zone, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., between a point 76.2 metres west of Bevdale Road and a point 30 metres further west
- No parking, anytime, between Bevdale Road and Bathurst Street

South side

- No stopping, anytime, between Wynn Road and a point 100 metres east

Proposed Changes

The proposed parking amendments will allow for the extension of the existing school bus loading zone further west, accommodating approximately three large school buses and will not adversely impact the flow of two way traffic on Yorkview Drive.

A stopping prohibition in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the north side of Yorkview Drive will accompany the school bus loading zone by-law to provide exclusive use for school buses only. Motorists will not be permitted to use the proposed area for pick up and drop off activity.

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 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 - Yorkview Drive

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