

Parking Amendment and U-Turn Prohibition - Charlottetown Boulevard

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To: Scarborough Community Council

From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 25, Scarborough-Rouge Park

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 that the existing southerly school bus loading zone in front of Charlottetown Junior Public School be removed, the limits of the existing no standing anytime zone be amended in front of Charlottetown Junior Public School and U-turns movements be prohibited on Charlottetown Boulevard, between Elkwood Drive and Lawrence Avenue East. The proposed parking changes will create four additional on-street drop-off/pick-up spaces and provide a safer environment for all road users.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Scarborough Community Council amend the existing no standing in effect at all times, on the east side of Charlottetown Boulevard, between a point 298 metres north of Lawrence Avenue East and a point 47 metres further north, to be in effect from a point 298 metres north of Lawrence Avenue East and a point 71 metres further north.
2. Scarborough Community Council prohibit northbound and southbound U-turn movements at all times on Charlottetown Boulevard, between Elkwood Drive and Lawrence Avenue East.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage costs associated with the proposed amendments are approximately \$2,000.00. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2023 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services was requested by the Charlottetown Junior Public School parent council and school administration to remove the existing southerly school bus loading zone on Charlottetown Boulevard as it is no longer required and to extend the existing no standing anytime zone in its place in order for the safe pick-up and drop-off of students fronting the school. In addition, a U-turn prohibition in the vicinity of this school zone was also requested.

Existing Conditions

Charlottetown Boulevard is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, north-south, collector roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 9.5 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 1,600 vehicles
- The speed limit is 30 km/h
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is no Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) service provided
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street
- This is a designated signed School Safety Zone with flashing beacons and signed Community Safety Zone

The parking regulations on Charlottetown Boulevard, within the subject section, are as follows:

East side

- No parking anytime, between Lawrence Avenue East and a point 177 metres north
- No parking from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. the next day, Monday to Friday, between a point 177 metres north of Lawrence Avenue East and a point 121 metres further north
- Maximum 30-minute time limit parking from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, between a point 177 metres north of Lawrence Avenue East and a point 121 metres further north

- No standing anytime, between a point 298 metres north of Lawrence Avenue East and a point 47 metres further north
- No stopping anytime, between a point 345 metres north of Lawrence Avenue East and a point 27 metres further north
- School Bus Loading Zone from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., between a point 146 metres south of Elkwood Drive and a point 32 metres further south (by-lawed), and a point 202 metres south of Elkwood Drive and a point 20 metres further south (not by-lawed)
- No parking from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, between a point 29 metres north of McCulley Street and a point 47 metres further north
- Statutory maximum three hours parking at all other times

West side

- No stopping from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except July, August and public holidays, between a point 193 metres north of Lawrence Avenue East and 102 metres further north
- No stopping from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except July, August and public holidays, between a point 295 metres north of Lawrence Avenue East and a point 173 metres further north
- Statutory maximum three hours parking at all other times

The area is comprised of Charlottetown Junior Public School (85 Charlottetown Boulevard) located on the west side of Charlottetown Boulevard at McCulley Street, Sir Oliver Mowat Collegiate Institute at the northwest corner of Lawrence Avenue East and Charlottetown Boulevard, Charlottetown Park and residential dwellings.

The closest adjacent traffic controls are located approximately 330 metres to the south at Lawrence Avenue East and Charlottetown Boulevard in the form of traffic control signals and fronting the school at the south leg of Charlottetown Boulevard and McCulley Street in the form of a pedestrian crossover.

Proposed Changes

There are currently two separate school bus loading zones fronting the school's frontage. The existing southerly school bus loading zone is no longer required and can be removed in order to provide four additional on-street pick-up and drop-off parking spaces.

Prohibiting U-turns on Charlottetown Boulevard fronting Charlottetown Junior Public School, Sir Oliver Mowat Collegiate Institute and Charlottetown Park will improve overall safety for road users by minimizing vehicular conflicts, particularly for motorists traveling along the bend in the road and allow for proper enforcement by the Toronto Police Service.

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 - U-Turn and Parking Amendments - Charlottetown Boulevard

