

School Bus Loading Zone - Ladysmith Avenue

Date: January 10, 2023

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 14, Toronto-Danforth

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 designation of a school bus loading zone on the east side of Ladysmith Avenue, adjacent to Greenwood School, located at 24 Mountjoy Avenue, to provide a safe pick-up/drop-off area for students. This designation will result in loss of five on-street parking spaces on Ladysmith Avenue during the weekday, daytime periods.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council designate a school bus loading zone to be in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the east side of Ladysmith Avenue, between a point 20.5 metres north of Mountjoy Avenue and a point 30 metres further north.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing maximum one-hour parking regulation in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, on the east side of Ladysmith Avenue, between Danforth Avenue and Mountjoy Avenue to be in effect, between Danforth Avenue and a point 50.5 metres north of Mountjoy Avenue
3. Toronto and East York Community Council authorize parking for a maximum period of one hour from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday, on the east side of Ladysmith Avenue, between a point 20.5 metres north of Mountjoy Avenue and a point 30 metres further north

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage costs associated with the proposed amendments are approximately \$600.00. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2023 Interim Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

In support of the proposal to redevelop the existing school (Greenwood School) located on the northeast corner of Mountjoy Avenue and Ladysmith Avenue; the applicant's consultant, GHD Ltd., prepared a Traffic Impact Study, dated July 7, 2022 to review the transportation-related impacts of the redevelopment.

As summarized in the report, the proposal recommends the conversion and expansion of the existing four-storey school building for use as a French-language high school. The school will have an expected enrolment of approximately 500 students. In addition, the school is expected to have approximately 63 staff members. Furthermore, as part of the proposal, which includes the construction of three new classrooms and gymnasium expansion, there will be a net reduction from 28 classrooms in the existing building to 23 classrooms in the proposed development.

The current site has two existing access driveways. The first driveway is located in the northwest corner of the site connecting with Ladysmith Avenue. This driveway provides access along the northern edge of the site. The second driveway is located in the southeast corner of the site, providing access to an underground parking garage with 24 parking spaces. As part of the proposal, this access and parking configuration for the school is not proposed to change.

As a result of the Traffic Impact Study, Transportation Services has been requested to investigate the feasibility of implementing a school bus loading zone on the east side of Ladysmith Avenue, north of Mountjoy Avenue.

Existing Conditions

Ladysmith Avenue is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, north-south, 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 Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) service provided
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street

The land use in the area consists multi-unit and single-family residential dwellings. Greenwood Secondary School is located on the east side. Ladysmith Avenue is designated as a community safety zone.

The parking regulations on Ladysmith Avenue are as follows:

East side

- Maximum one-hour parking from 8:00 a.m.to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday
- Permit parking from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily
- Maximum three-hour parking is permitted at all other times

West side

- No parking anytime

Proposed Changes

The Traffic Impact Study states that the school would require four school buses. However, due to limited space and in order to minimize the impact on the surrounding road network, the buses' operations will be staggered. Therefore, the proposed loading zone will only accommodate two buses at a time. This designation will result in loss of five on-street parking spaces on Ladysmith Avenue on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. There will be no impacts to the overnight permit parking. As such, Transportation Services has no objections to this request.

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 - Ladysmith Avenue

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