

## **School Bus Loading Zone - Dennis Avenue**

**Date:** September 5, 2024

**To:** Etobicoke York Community Council

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

**Wards:** Ward 5, York South-Weston

### **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 requesting approval to amend the existing parking regulations on Dennis Avenue, based on Site Plan Control Application No. 19 208055 WET 05 SA for the redevelopment of the Dennis Avenue Community School site at 17 Dennis Avenue. It was determined that with the creation of a new lay-by, the existing school bus loading zone be amended.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Etobicoke York Community Council amend the existing school bus loading zone in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Dennis Avenue, between a point 148 metres east of Guestville Avenue and a point 31 metres further east, to be in effect between a point 124 metres east of Guestville Avenue and a point 39 metres further east.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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There are no financial implications associated with the adoption of this report as funding has been secured from the proponent of the 17 Dennis Avenue re-development for the new school bus loading zone lay-by. These funds were secured through the Revised Notice of Approval Conditions for Site Plan Control Application No. 19 208055 WET 05 SA.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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This report addresses a new initiative.

## **COMMENTS**

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At the request of the Development Planning and Review Unit, Traffic Operations was directed, as per the site plan agreement for 17 Dennis Avenue, to amend the existing school bus loading zone to coincide with the relocation and installation of a new lay-by.

### **Existing Conditions**

Dennis Avenue is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a one-lane, east-west local roadway
- It operates one-way eastbound traffic on a pavement width of approximately 7.5 metres
- The daily one-way traffic volume is approximately 700 vehicles
- The speed limit is 30 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
- Dennis Avenue Community School is located on the south side of the street
- The street is a designated community safety zone between Guestville Avenue and Weston Road.

The parking regulations on Dennis Avenue are as follows:

#### **North side**

- Unsigned statutory City wide 3-hour maximum parking

#### **South side**

- No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, between Syndicate Avenue and a point 43 metres west of Weston Road
- No Parking 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, between Syndicate Avenue and a point 43 metres west of Weston Road
- School Bus Loading Zone, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., between a point 148 metres east of Guestville Avenue and a point 31 metres further east

### **Proposed Changes**

Based on the approved site plan agreement for the re-development of Dennis Avenue Community School at the 17 Dennis Avenue site, the creation of a new lay-by has resulted in the relocation of the existing school bus loading zone to the west, and the school buses servicing the school will be operating within the lay-by.

A map of the area and proposed parking amendment is included in Attachment 1.

The Ward Councillor has been advised of the recommendation of this staff report.

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1: Map - School Bus Loading Zone - Dennis Avenue

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