

## **Parking Amendments - Ambleside Avenue & Chartwell Road**

**Date:** January 31, 2025

**To:** Etobicoke York Community Council

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

**Wards:** Ward 3 - Etobicoke-Lakeshore

### **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 implementing parking regulations on Ambleside Avenue and Chartwell Road, in the area near Castlebar Junior School to provide areas for short term parking for parents/guardians to accompany students to and from the school, improve safety and reduce congestion in the area by prohibiting stopping opposite the school.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Etobicoke York Community Council prohibit parking at all times on the north side of Ambleside Avenue, between Aberlady Road and a point 20 metres east.
2. Etobicoke York Community Council authorize parking for a maximum period of 10 minutes from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side of Ambleside Avenue, between a point 20 metres east of Aberlady Road and a point 80 metres further east.
3. Etobicoke York Community Council prohibit parking from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the north side of Ambleside Avenue, between a point 100 metres east of Aberlady Road and Chartwell Road.
4. Etobicoke York Community Council prohibit stopping from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the south side of Ambleside Avenue, between Chartwell Road and a point 186 metres west.
5. Etobicoke York Community Council prohibit parking from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the west side of Chartwell Road, between Ambleside Avenue and a point 30 metres north.

6. Etobicoke York Community Council prohibit parking from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the west side of Chartwell Road, between a point 60 metres north of Ambleside Avenue and a point 55 metres further north.

7. Etobicoke York Community Council authorize parking for a maximum period of 10 minutes from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Chartwell Road, between a point 115 metres north of Ambleside Avenue and a point 65 metres further north.

8. Etobicoke York Community Council prohibit stopping from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the east side of Chartwell Road, between Ambleside Avenue and a point 97 metres north of Castlebar Road.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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The signage costs associated with the proposed amendments are approximately \$6,700.00. Funding is available within the Transportation Services interim 2025 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 the principal of Castlebar Junior School and area residents, requested that parking regulations be put in place near the school due to concerns with vehicles parking on both sides of the roadways and overall parking operations in the area of the school. The subject site had not been operating as a school until recently and the only parking regulation in the area of the school was a school bus loading zone on the west side of Chartwell Avenue, north of Ambleside Avenue. The existing unsigned statutory three-hour maximum parking limit on both sides of Ambleside Avenue and Chartwell Avenue, abutting the school property, legally allows vehicles to park on both sides of the street. Our review, observations and consultation with the principal indicated additional parking regulations were required to reduce congestion and improve safety in the area of the school. The principal also indicated the need to restrict parking from around the existing school bus loading zone and all-way stop at Ambleside Avenue and Chartwell Road to keep the way clear for crossing students and school buses.

### **Existing Conditions**

Ambleside Avenue 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 7.0 metres
- The speed limit is 40 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
- Castlebar Junior School is located at the northwest corner of Ambleside Avenue and Chartwell Road

The unsigned statutory three-hour maximum parking limit is in effect at all times on both sides of Ambleside Avenue

Chartwell Road 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 7 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 1,300 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 side of the street
- Traffic calming is present in the form of speed humps
- School bus loading zone is located on the west side between a point 30 metres north of Ambleside Avenue and a point 30 metres further north

The unsigned statutory three-hour maximum parking limit is in effect at all times on both sides of Ambleside Avenue except for the above-mentioned school bus loading zone

## **Proposed Changes**

The proposed regulations in which stopping is prohibited opposite the school and parking is prohibited and/or short-term parking (maximum 10 minutes) is allowed on the school side of the street, encouraging caregivers to utilize the school side of the street to drop-off and pick-up students, reducing children crossing the abutting roadways, improving safety and reducing congestion. The proposed regulations will provide parents with areas for short term parking, providing a dedicated place to pick-up and drop off students and deter vehicles from stopping opposite the school, reducing congestion and improving student safety. No parking anytime signage will be installed near the intersections utilizing the statutory parking regulations to mitigate vehicles parking near the intersections.

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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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1: Map - Parking Amendments - Ambleside Avenue & Chartwell Road

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