

U-Turn Prohibitions and Parking Amendments - Poynter Drive and Stapleton Drive

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To: Etobicoke York Community Council

From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 2 - Etobicoke Centre

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 U-turns be prohibited on Poynter Drive, between Stapleton Drive and a point 178 metres west, and on Stapleton Drive, between Poynter Drive and Fletcher Place. The proposed prohibitions are intended to improve safety for all road users in the vicinity of Westway Junior Public School, located at 25 Poynter Drive.

In addition, Transportation Services is recommending that the existing parking prohibition on the south side of Poynter Drive, between a point 137 meters west of Stapleton Drive and a point 77 meters further west, be amended to allow for short-term parking. The proposed short-term parking amendment will provide an additional area to park for parents/guardians accompanying students to/from the school.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Etobicoke York Community Council prohibit eastbound and westbound U-turn movements at all times on Poynter Drive, between Stapleton Drive and a point 178 metres west.
2. Etobicoke York Community Council prohibit northbound and southbound U-turn movements at all times on Stapleton Drive, between Poynter Drive and Fletcher Place.
3. Etobicoke York Community Council amend the existing parking prohibition in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Poynter Drive, between Stapleton Drive and a point 214 metres west, to be in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Poynter Drive, between Stapleton Drive and a point 137 metres west.

4. Etobicoke York Community Council authorize parking for a maximum period of 15 minutes, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Poynter Drive, between a point 137 metres west of Stapleton Drive a point 77 metres further west.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage costs associated with the proposed amendments are approximately \$2200.00 Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2025 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services received a request from the principal of Westway Junior Public School, located at 25 Poynter Drive, to review traffic concerns in the area of the school. As a result, Transportation Services is recommending the implementation of U-turn prohibitions on Stapleton Drive and Poynter Drive, in the area of the school. In addition, it is recommended that a portion of the existing parking prohibition on Poynter Drive be amended to allow for short-term parking. These changes aim to improve traffic safety and support safer pick-up and drop-off operations during school hours.

Existing Conditions

Poynter 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 1000 vehicles
- The speed limit is 40 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
- Westway Junior Public School is located at 25 Poynter Drive

The land use in the area consists single-family residential dwellings. Westway Junior Public School is located on the southwest corner of Stapleton Drive and Poynter Drive.

The subject section of the street is within a designated Community Safety Zone.

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

North side

- No stopping, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, between Fenley Drive (west intersection) and Stapleton Drive

South side

- No parking, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, between Stapleton Drive and a point 214 metres west
- School Bus Loading Zone, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, between a point 38.5 metres west of Stapleton Drive and a point 25 metres further west

Stapleton Drive 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 daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 500 vehicles
- The speed limit is 40 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

The subject section of the street is within a designated Community Safety Zone.

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

East side

- No stopping, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, between Poynter Drive and a point 117 metres south

West side

- No parking, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, between Poynter Drive and a point 23 metres further south
- Maximum 15-minute parking, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, between a point 23 metres south of Poynter Drive and a point 45 metres north of Paragon Road
- No parking, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday between Paragon Road and a point 45 metres north

Proposed Changes

Transportation Services is recommending that a portion of the existing parking prohibition on the south side of Poynter Drive, near Westway Junior Public School, be amended to allow 15-minute parking. This change will improve traffic flow and provide approximately 13 short-term parking spaces to support safer pick-up and drop-off activity during school hours.

To further support traffic safety in the school area, Transportation Services is recommending that eastbound and westbound U-turn movements be prohibited at all times on Poynter Drive, between Stapleton Drive and a point 178 metres west. In addition, it is recommended that northbound and southbound U-turns be prohibited at all

times on Stapleton Drive, between Poynter Drive and Fletcher Place. These prohibitions are expected to reduce traffic conflicts and improve overall safety in the vicinity of the school.

A map of the area and proposed parking amendments 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 Prohibition / Parking Amendments - Poynter Drive & Stapleton Drive

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