

School Bus Loading Zone – Eltham Drive

Date: August 29, 2025

To: Etobicoke York Community Council

From: Director, Enforcement and Street Management, Transportation Services

Wards: 3 - Etobicoke - Lakeshore

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 school bus loading zone on the south side of Eltham Drive, west of Finsbury Crescent. The proposed amendment will accommodate school buses that load and unload students at Sir Adam Beck Junior School.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Enforcement and Street Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Etobicoke York Community Council amend the existing parking prohibition in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south side of Eltham Drive, between a point 36.5 metres west of Finsbury Crescent and a point 56 metres further west, to be in effect between a point 55 metres west of Finsbury Crescent and a point 38.5 metres further west.
2. Etobicoke York Community Council designate a school bus loading zone to be in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., on the south side of Eltham Drive, between a point 36 metres west of Finsbury Crescent and a point 19 metres further west.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage costs associated with the proposed amendments are approximately \$700.00 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 at Sir Adam Beck Junior School, located at 544 Horner Ave, to implement a School Bus Loading Zone near the school, on Eltham Drive. Currently school buses are utilizing this area to load and unload students, and the change will legalize the area for school buses only and improve traffic safety and support safer pick-up and drop-off operations during school hours.

Existing Conditions

Eltham 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 600 vehicles
- The speed limit is 40 km/h
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is no TTC service provided
- There is a sidewalk located on the south side of the street
- A stop control for eastbound traffic is located on Eltham Drive at Finsbury Crescent

The land use on the north side of Eltham Drive is residential, consisting of detached and semi-detached dwellings, while the south side is mainly institutional, including Sir Adam Beck Junior School, and Sir Adam Beck Park. Eltham Drive is located within a designated Community Safety Zone.

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

North side

- No stopping from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, between a point 36.5 metres west of Finsbury Crescent and a point 122 metres further west

South side

- No parking from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, between a point 36 metres west of Finsbury Crescent and a point 57 metres further west
- Maximum 15-minute parking from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. between a point 93 metres west of Finsbury Crescent and a point 66 metres further west.

Proposed Changes

In consultation with the school principal, Transportation Services recommends

designating a school bus loading zone, to be in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., on the south side of Eltham Drive, between a point 36 metres west of Finsbury Crescent and a point 19 metres further west.

A map of the area and proposed parking amendment 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 - Eltham Drive

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