

Parking Amendments - Ladysmith Avenue

Date: May 20, 2025

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 that the existing school bus loading zone on the east side of Ladysmith Avenue be shifted 5.5 metres further south. This adjustment is being proposed to support safe student pick-up and drop-off operations, following the removal of an existing accessible parking space. As a result of this change, one additional on-street parking space will be gained.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council rescind the existing accessible parking space on the east side of Ladysmith Avenue, between a point 15 metres north of Mountjoy Avenue and a point 5.5 metres further north.
2. Toronto and East 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 east side of Ladysmith Avenue, between a point 20.5 metres north of Mountjoy Avenue and a point 30 metres further north, to be in effect between a point 15 metres north of Mountjoy Avenue and a point 30 metres further north.
3. 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 a point 50.5 metres north of Mountjoy Avenue, to be in effect between Danforth Avenue and a point 45 metres north of Mountjoy Avenue.

4. 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 a point 20.5 metres north of Mountjoy Avenue and a point 30 metres further north, to be in effect between a point 15 metres north of Mountjoy Avenue and a point 30 metres further north.

5. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing permit parking regulation in effect from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. daily on the odd (east) side of Ladysmith Avenue, from Mountjoy Avenue to Danforth Avenue, except no parking from a point 15 metres north of Mountjoy Avenue to a point 5.5 metres further north, to be in effect from Mountjoy Avenue to Danforth Avenue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage cost associated with the proposed amendments is approximately \$900.00. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2025 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

On May 24, 2023, Toronto and East York Community Council adopted Item TE5.29 (Ladysmith Avenue - School Bus Loading Zone), approving the designation of a school bus loading zone on the east side of Ladysmith Avenue, fronting Michelle-O'Bonsawin Secondary School, located at 24 Mountjoy Avenue. The Toronto and East York Community Council decision can be found at:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2023.TE5.29>

COMMENTS

Transportation Services received a request from the original applicant to remove the accessible parking space on the east side of Ladysmith Avenue, just north of Mountjoy Avenue, as it is no longer needed. This space is located immediately south of an existing school bus loading zone. School bus drivers making northbound turns from Mountjoy Avenue onto Ladysmith Avenue have reported difficulties due to vehicles being parked in this space. To address these concerns, in conjunction with the removal of the accessible parking space, the school bus loading zone will be shifted 5.5 metres south to occupy the former location of the accessible parking space. This adjustment will improve turning movements and support safe student pick-up and drop-off operations. Additionally, it will result in the addition of one on-street permit parking space for residents.

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 of multi-unit and single-family residential dwellings. Michelle-O'Bonsawin Secondary School is located on the east side of the street. Ladysmith Avenue is designated as a Community Safety Zone and is also within a school 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
- Accessible parking space, in effect between a point 15 metres north of Mountjoy Avenue and a point 5.5 metres further north
- School bus loading zone in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, between a point 20.5 metres north of Mountjoy Ave and a point 30 metres further north
- Maximum three-hour statutory parking at all other times, where permitted

West side

- No parking at anytime

Proposed Changes

Following a request from the original applicant indicating that the accessible parking space on the east side of Ladysmith Avenue is no longer required, Transportation Services is proceeding with its removal. The space, located just south of the existing school bus loading zone, has been identified as a source of operational issues, with school bus drivers and the school principal reporting that vehicles parked in the space could obstruct safe northbound turns from Mountjoy Avenue onto Ladysmith Avenue. To address these concerns, the school bus loading zone will be shifted approximately 5.5 metres further south, into the space previously occupied by the accessible parking space. This adjustment will improve turning movements and safety and will also result in the addition of one on-street permit parking space for local residents.

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 - Parking Amendments - Ladysmith Avenue

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