

Jones Avenue - Temporary Traffic and Parking By-law Amendments

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To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Deputy General Manager, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 14, Toronto-Danforth

SUMMARY

As the Toronto Transit Commission operates a transit service on Jones Avenue, City Council approval of this report is required.

The Toronto District School Board has approved the temporary relocation of Pape Avenue Junior Public School and Pape Children's House childcare centre from 220 Langley Avenue to the Adult Learning Centre located at 540 Jones Avenue. This relocation is required to preserve a stable learning environment during major Ontario Line construction activities occurring in close proximity to the existing school site. The temporary relocation will be in effect for two academic years, from September 1, 2025 to June 30, 2027.

To support this relocation, Transportation Services is recommending the implementation of a temporary school bus loading zone on the west side of Jones Avenue, fronting 540 Jones Avenue, for two academic years, from September 1, 2025, to June 30, 2027. A companion report titled "Strathcona Avenue - Temporary Traffic and Parking By-law Amendments" proposes delegated parking amendments on the north side of Strathcona Avenue, between Jones Avenue and Blake Street.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Deputy General Manager, Transportation Services, recommends that:

1. City Council designate a temporary school bus loading zone in effect, from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the west side of Jones Avenue, between a point 55 metres north of Strathcona Avenue and a point 27 metres further north, from September 1, 2025, to June 30, 2027, inclusive.
2. City Council authorize the appropriate City officials to submit directly to the Council at the appropriate time any necessary bills to amend the appropriate City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapters, and any Schedules to the Chapters, to reinstate the traffic

and parking regulations to what they were implemented prior to the by-law amendments.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no significant financial impact associated with the recommendations in this report. The cost of signage installation and any pavement markings will be absorbed within the Transportation Services Division's 2025 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

City Council at its meeting on May 22 and 23, 2024, received Item EX14.2 titled "Ontario Line Pape Segment Advanced Works - Temporary Road Closures and Transportation Impacts". The staff report under Item EX14.2 provided an overview of Metrolinx's construction for the Pape Segment advanced work, including the work within the proximity to the Pape Junior Public School at Pape and Riverdale and their traffic impacts.

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2024.EX14.2>

COMMENTS

As part of the Ontario Line subway construction, Metrolinx is undertaking major works near the existing Pape Avenue Junior Public School and Pape Children's House childcare centre site at 220 Langley Avenue. These works include tunnelling, utility relocation, and station construction, which are expected to generate sustained construction-related impacts in the immediate area. To protect the safety and well-being of students and staff and to preserve a suitable learning environment, the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) has approved the temporary relocation of both the school and childcare centre to the Adult Learning Centre located at 540 Jones Avenue for the duration of two academic years, from September 1, 2025 to June 30, 2027. Figure 1 shows the location of Pape Avenue Junior Public School and the Adult Learning Centre with respect to the Ontario Line alignment.

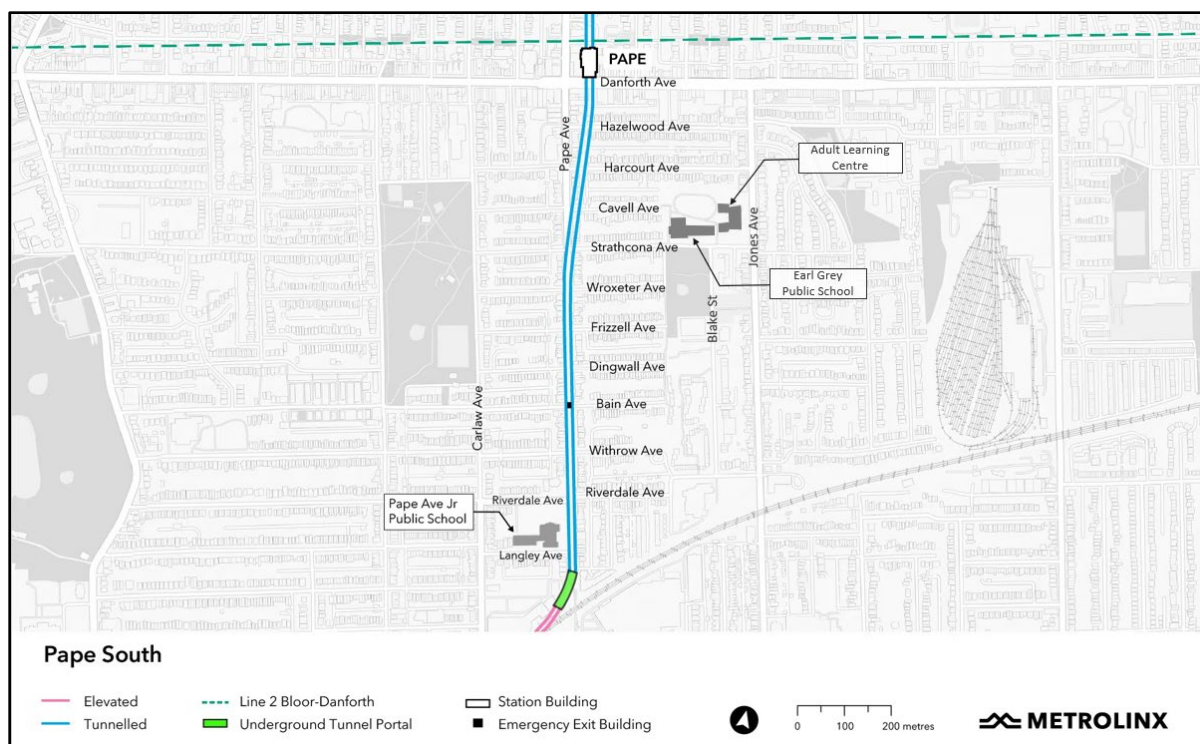


Figure 1 – Pape Avenue Junior Public School Relocation

Source: Metrolinx

Pape Avenue Junior Public School currently accommodates approximately 260 students and 20 staff, while the Pape Children's House childcare centre serves approximately 150 children with 30 staff. Given the distance to the new location and recognizing that many of the students and childcare centre attendees are younger children who require parental accompaniment, it is anticipated that a significant portion of families who previously walked will now rely on private vehicles and school transportation buses for pick-up and drop-off. As a result, a significant increase in both vehicle-based and school bus-based pick-up and drop-off activity is expected at the new relocation site.

To support this relocation, it is recommended that a temporary school bus loading zone be established on the west side of Jones Avenue, between a point 55 metres north of Strathcona Avenue and a point 27 metres further north. This location directly abuts the frontage of 540 Jones Avenue and provides safe access to the relocated school entrance. The temporary loading zone will operate from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, aligning with typical school bus arrival and dismissal periods.

This school bus loading zone is being recommended in coordination with a separate general pick-up and drop-off zone on the north side of Strathcona Avenue, between Jones Avenue and Blake Street, which is intended to be used by parents and caregivers in private vehicles. The matters related to the Strathcona Avenue pick-up and drop-off zone will be discussed in a separate report, requiring approval from Toronto and East York Community Council. Together, these two coordinated zones are intended to safely separate school bus operations from general school pick-up and drop-off activity, reduce conflicts, and support safe and efficient circulation near the school. Figure 2 shows the recommended temporary traffic and parking by-law amendments along

Strathcona Avenue, between Jones Avenue and Blake Street and the temporary school bus loading zone on Jones Avenue.



Figure 2 – Temporary School Pick-up and Drop-off Zones

Source: Google Maps

City staff will monitor on-site conditions following implementation and may recommend further operational adjustments, in consultation with TDSB, TTC, school administration, and the local Councillor.

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