

Parking and Traffic Amendments - Orton Park Road

Date: May 11, 2026

To: Scarborough Community Council

From: Director, Enforcement and Street Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 24, Scarborough-Guildwood

SUMMARY

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Orton Park Road, City Council approval of this report is required.

Transportation Services is recommending the following traffic amendments in front of George B. Little Public School, located on the east side of Orton Park Road at Brimorton Drive:

- Prohibiting northbound and southbound U-turn movements on Orton Park Road, fronting the school
- Prohibiting westbound left turn and through movements from the school's driveway, immediately north of Brimorton Drive

The proposed changes will improve the traffic flow and safety for all road users in front of the school. Additionally, improvements were identified in front of St. Mark's United Church, which is located on the east side of Orton Park Road, immediately south of the school. Transportation Services is also recommending that stopping be prohibited from Monday to Friday at the church's driveway to ensure that no pick-up and drop-off activities occur adjacent to the driveway during the school's operating times.

These recommendations are being made in consultation with the George B. Little Public School representatives, St. Mark's United Church staff, and the Councillor's office.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. City Council prohibit northbound and southbound U-turn movements at all times on Orton Park Road, between Merkley Square and Ladysbridge Drive (north intersection).
2. City Council prohibit westbound left turns at all times at Orton Park Road and the driveway access at No. 125 Orton Park Road, located on the east side of Orton Park Road, opposite Brimorton Drive.
3. City Council prohibit movements at all times to Brimorton Drive at Orton Park Road, from the driveway access at No. 125 Orton Park Road, located on the east side of Orton Park Road, opposite Brimorton Drive.
4. City Council prohibit stopping, Monday to Friday, on the east side of Orton Park Road, between a point 119 metres south of Brimorton Drive and a point 13 metres further south.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage costs associated with the proposed amendments are approximately \$2,850.00. Funding is available within Transportation Services 2026 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

City Council, at its meeting on February 5, 2025, adopted Item SC19.9 of Scarborough Community Council (Amend Existing Community Safety Zone on Orton Park Road) amending the existing Community Safety Zone in effect at all times on both sides of Orton Park Road, between Merkley Square and Merkley Square, to be in effect, between Merkley Square and Ladysbridge Drive (North Intersection). The City Council decision can be found at:

[Agenda Item History - 2025.SC19.9](#)

COMMENTS

Transportation Services attended an on-site meeting and school safety review at George B. Little Public School on December 11, 2025, in collaboration with school representatives, St. Mark's United Church staff, the Toronto Police Service, and the Councillor's office. During the meeting, three key areas of concern were identified for improvement:

- A U-turn prohibition on Orton Park Road was requested to improve traffic flow in front of the school

- A westbound left turn and through movement prohibition was requested at the school's driveway adjacent to Brimorton Drive and Orton Park Road due to observed conflicting vehicle movements
- A stopping prohibition was requested in the vicinity of St. Mark's United Church's driveway on the east side of Orton Park Road

Existing Conditions

Orton Park Road is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, north-south, minor arterial roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 13 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 7,700 vehicles
- The speed limit is 40 km/h
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is TTC service provided by the 154 bus route north of Brimorton Drive. There is no TTC service provided south of Brimorton Drive
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street
- There are traffic control signals at Brimorton Drive
- There is a School Crossing Guard service provided at Brimorton Drive

The land use consists of single-family residential dwellings as well as George B. Little Public School and a place of worship St. Mark's United Church. This subject section of Orton Park Road is within a designated Community Safety Zone.

The parking regulations on Orton Park Road, between Merkley Square and Ladysbridge Drive (north intersection) are as follows:

East side

- No parking anytime, between a point 62 metres south of Botany Hill (south intersection) and a point 35 metres north of Merkley Square
- No stopping anytime, between a point 62 metres south of Botany Hill Road (south intersection) and a point 67 metres further south
- School Bus Loading Zone from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., between a point 115 metres south of Botany Hill Road (south intersection) and a point 27 metres further south
- Parking for a maximum period of 30 minutes from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, between a point 129 metres south of Botany Hill Road (south intersection) and a point 36 metres further south
- Maximum three-hour statutory parking at all other times, where permitted

West side

- No parking anytime, between Brimorton Drive and a point 35 metres north of Merkley Square
- No stopping anytime, between Brimorton Road and a point 45 metres south of Brimorton Road
- No stopping from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, between a point 45 metres south of Brimorton Drive and a point 136 metres south of Brimorton Drive
- Maximum three-hour statutory parking at all other times, where permitted

A map of the area is included in Attachment 1.

Proposed Changes

A. U-Turn Prohibition

George B. Little Public School utilizes the subject section of Orton Park Road for student pick-ups and drop-offs. During a site observation conducted on April 15, 2026, Transportation Services staff observed seven vehicles during the school's pick-up time performing a three-point turn manoeuvre on Orton Park Road in front of George B Little Public School.

This behaviour disrupts traffic operations on the subject section of the road and poses a potential safety hazard for pedestrians crossing Orton Park Road. Prohibiting U-turns for northbound and southbound traffic on Orton Park Road, between Merkle Square and Ladysbridge Drive (north intersection) will enhance safety for all road users by reducing the risk of vehicle collisions, maintaining clear sightlines for motorists and enabling enforcement by the Toronto Police Service.

B. Prohibition of Westbound Through/Left Turn Movements

The George B. Little Public School's driveway is located on the east side of Orton Park Road immediately north of, but not included in, the traffic control signals at Orton Park Road and Brimorton Drive. This configuration may result in safety and operational challenges westbound motorists exiting the driveway.

Following the request from the school's administration to prohibit left turn and through movements from the driveway, Transportation Services staff reviewed Toronto Police Service collision records for the five-year period ending April 1, 2026, on the signalized intersection of Orton Park Road and Brimorton Drive, including the offset school private driveway. The review identified one collision that involved a vehicle making a westbound through movement from the driveway and a vehicle travelling northbound through on Orton Park Road, resulting in an angle collision. As a result, based on the geometry of the intersection, collision history, and concerns raised by the school administration, Transportation Services recommend prohibiting westbound left turn and through movements from the school's driveway to reduce the risk of vehicle collisions and improve overall safety at the subject intersection.

C. No Stopping

During the school walkabout, a concern was raised by St. Mark's United Church administration that vehicles parking near the site access during busy school drop-off and pick-up periods create sightline obstructions for vehicles entering and exiting the property. Transportation Services recommend implementing a no stopping prohibition in the vicinity of the church site access to allow for safer vehicles movements. The church has requested the stopping prohibition only operate Monday to Friday, as these are when the concerns associated with the school's pick-up and drop-off activity are most problematic.

The Ward Councillor has been advised of the recommendations in this report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - Parking and Traffic Amendments - Orton Park Road

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