



## STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

### West Deane Park Drive – Parking Regulation Amendments

<b>Date:</b>	May 4, 2009
<b>To:</b>	Etobicoke York Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 3 – Etobicoke-Centre
<b>Reference Number:</b>	p:\2009\Cluster B\TRA\EtobicokeYork\eycc090083-to

#### **SUMMARY**

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This staff report is about a matter for which Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

The purpose of this report is to obtain approval for the implementation of a “No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. , Monday to Friday” regulation on the south and west sides of West Deane Park Drive in the area of the 90-degree road curve east of Beaver Bend Crescent.

This proposed stopping prohibition will address traffic congestion and sightline issues at the curve during the on-street school bus loading of students attending Josyf Cardinal Slipyj Catholic Elementary School.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve:**

1. Rescinding the existing “No Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” regulation on the south and west sides of West Deane Park Drive between Amberwood Road and Newcross Drive.
2. Enacting a “No Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” regulation on the south side of West Deane Park Drive between Amberwood Road and a point 44 metres east of Beaver Bend Crescent.

3. Enacting a “No Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” regulation on the west side of West Deane Park Drive between Newcross Drive and a point 157 metres further north.
4. Enacting a “No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” regulation on the south and west sides of West Deane Park Drive between a point 44 metres east of Beaver Bend Crescent and a point 38 metres further east and south.

### **Financial Impact**

<b>Type of Funding</b>	<b>Source of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$200.00

### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Transportation Services were requested to provide comments for a site plan control application (NO. 09 105013 WET 03 SA) for 35 West Deane Park Drive, a proposal from the Toronto Catholic District School Board for a 766m<sup>2</sup>, 5-classroom and 1 special education room building addition to Josyf Cardinal Slipyj Catholic Elementary School. Current traffic issues related to the school are traffic congestion and restricted sightlines in the area of the 90-degree curve on West Deane Park Drive, east of Beaver Bend Crescent. The traffic congestion and restricted sightlines are the result of a few school buses stopping on West Deane Park Drive near the aforementioned curve while waiting to occupy a space in the existing designated school bus loading zone located on the west side of West Deane Park Drive, south of the curve.

The recommendations contained in this report were discussed at a meeting that included Transportation Services staff and the principal of the school. Maps of the area are Attachments 1 and 2.

### **COMMENTS**

West Deane Park Drive is an 8.5 metre wide, two-way local road located in the residential community north of Rathburn Road and east of The East Mall. The road is built to urban standards ( i.e. curb and gutter) and there are sidewalks on both sides of the road. The posted speed limit on West Deane Park Drive is 40 km/h between The East Mall and Archerhill Drive. A pedestrian crossover is located at the west approach of the intersection of West Deane Park Drive and Beaver Bend Crescent.

Stopping is currently prohibited between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the north and east sides of West Deane Park Drive from Amberwood Road to Sedgebrook Crescent. Parking is currently prohibited between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the south and west sides of West Deane Park Drive from Amberwood Road to Newcross Drive. In addition, there is a designated school bus loading zone located on the south side of West Deane Park Drive along the school property. This zone accommodates seven full-size buses.

Staff observations conducted in the afternoon during the school commencement period revealed that the school bus loading zone was fully occupied by school buses. In addition, it was observed that a few additional buses were stopped on West Deane Park Drive north and west of the north limit of the school bus loading zone, in the area of the 90-degree curve in the road. These buses were waiting for a space to become available in the school bus loading zone. Although the principal of the school has indicated that this situation (i.e. buses waiting for an unoccupied space in the school bus loading zone) is not typical given that the school bus loading activities are staggered, it does happen occasionally. When buses are stopped in/near the curve, it results in traffic congestion and reduced sight-lines on this section of West Deane Park Drive.

To address the traffic operation and safety issue identified in the field, staff recommends that stopping be prohibited between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the south and west sides of West Deane Park Drive from a point 44 metres east of Beaver Bend Crescent to a point 38 metres east and south thereof. This proposed stopping prohibition, in conjunction with the associated signage, will help deter motorists from parking in the area of the curve, thus help improving the flow of traffic and sightlines on this section of West Deane Park Drive.

The school administration has also agreed to use the school staff parking lot located on the south side of West Deane Park Drive, east of Amberwood Road, as a holding area for those bus drivers waiting to utilize the designated on-street school bus loading zone.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Area Map  
Attachment 2: Map (Parking Regulation Amendments)