

Presented To: Operations Committee

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Type: Managers' Reports

Request for Decision

School Bus Loading Zone - Baker Street - Lansdowne Public School

Recommendation

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury designate a "School Bus Loading Zone" on the south side of Baker Street adjacent to Lansdowne Public School, and;

THAT a by-law be passed to amend Traffic and Parking By-Law 2010-1 in the City of Greater Sudbury to implement the recommended changes all in accordance with the report from the General Manager of Infrastructure Services dated October 11, 2013.

Background

The attached letter from the Sudbury Student Services Consortium dated August 27, 2013 (see Exhibit 'A'), requests that the "School Bus Loading Zone" for Lansdowne Public School be relocated from Lansdowne Street to the south side of Baker Street (see Exhibit 'B').

The purpose of a "School Bus Loading Zone" is to protect school bus users while they are boarding and exiting the bus. The signs that are installed serve to caution drivers to be on guard for school bus pedestrian traffic. While loading and unloading school children within the "School Bus Loading Zone", bus drivers do not activate the flashing red lights nor extend the "Stop" sign. Therefore, drivers do not have to stop.

As indicated by the Sudbury Student Services Consortium, parents are dropping off and picking up students across from the school on Lansdowne Street, creating an unsafe condition with children crossing between the busses. Relocating the "School Bus Loading Zone" to Baker Street will reduce the level of congestion in front of the school.

Currently parking is prohibited on the south side of Baker Street and the west side of Lansdowne Street on weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., adjacent to the school. These restrictions will remain in place.

While staff has no objection to the request, loading school busses from the public road can result in the need for additional snow removal requirements for the safety of the children. The Sudbury Student Services

Signed By

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Division Review

David Shelsted
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Recommended by the Department

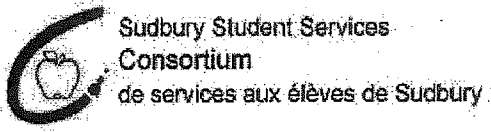
Tony Cecutti
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Recommended by the C.A.O.

Doug Nadorozny
Chief Administrative Officer
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Consortium has been informed that snow removal within the “School Bus Loading Zone” will be their responsibility.

It is recommended that a by-law be passed to amend the City of Greater Sudbury Traffic and Parking By-Law 2010-1 to relocate the school bus loading zone to Baker Street. Ward 4 Councillor, Evelyn Dutrisac has indicated her support for the change.



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August 22nd, 2013

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Re: Lansdowne Public School – Baker Street, Sudbury *Bus Loading Zone*

Dear Mr. Kivi:

We would like to request a modification to the existing “No Parking” signs on Baker Street as well as the “Bus Loading Zone” on Lansdowne Street in order to reflect a new bus loading zone on Baker Street.


With the current situation, we are experiencing issues with parents dropping off their students across the existing bus loading zone and have had very unsafe situations with students and parents crossing in between school buses.

If we move the bus loading zone to Baker Street, students would be able to exit the school yard safely from the gate in the fence on Baker Street. This would allow parents to pick up/drop off students in front of the school on Lansdowne on the right side of the street. After loading or unloading, the busses could then proceed across Lansdowne and continue on Baker Street towards College, thus leaving the street in front of the school clear.

Should you require any additional information please contact me at 521-1234 ext. 8150.

Thanking you in advance for your continued cooperation in ensuring the safety of our students.

Sincerely,


Renée Boucher
Executive Director

cc: Lisa Piquette, Principal, Lansdowne Public School
Diane Cayen-Arnold, Superintendent, Rainbow District School Board

EXHIBIT B

**NEW School Bus
Loading Zone**



Baker St.

Lansdowne
Public
School

Lansdowne St.

Adie St.

**Remove School Bus
Loading Zone**



Frood Rd.

School Bus Loading Zone
Baker Street - Lansdowne Public School
August 28, 2013