

10. GAYHURST ROAD - PROPOSED SCHOOL BUS STOP AT ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Board to install a school bus stop outside St. Paul's School in Gayhurst Road (see **attached** plan).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. St. Paul's School experiences a very high demand for buses as many students elect to travel to and from school using this mode. On some occasions, buses arrive at the school simultaneously with some having to queue or compete with parents and caregivers dropping off and picking up children. This situation causes significant disruption to the traffic stream on Gayhurst Road during an already busy period of the day.
3. The bus arrival and departure routine operates to a schedule in the morning and afternoon. Currently buses are circling around the block until space becomes available due to the lack of a dedicated bus stop. This results in delays for these buses, traffic congestion and potential danger for children who may be crossing the road.
4. The situation can be resolved by installing a School Bus Stop on Gayhurst Road directly in front of St. Paul's School.
5. St. Paul's school is in full support of the proposal and no other parties are deemed to be affected.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Cost

6. Installation of signs and road marking is within existing budgets with an estimated cost of \$250.

Legal

7. The Land Transport Rules provide for the installation of parking restrictions including bus stops.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve that the parking of vehicles is limited to school buses only between the hours of 8.30 am to 9.30 am, and 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm Monday to Friday school days, on the west side of Gayhurst Road commencing at a point 187 metres north of the Dallington Terrace intersection and extending 20 metres in a northerly direction.