

SUBJECT: Washington Street Proposed Parking Prohibition

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RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) That the report entitled "Washington Street Parking Prohibition," be received;
- 2) And that Schedule "C" of Parking By-law 2005-188 be amended to restrict parking on the east side of Washington Street, between Highway 7 and Joseph Street;
- 3) And that the Operations Department be directed to install the appropriate signs at the subject locations, funded through the Operations Department account # 061-5350-15238-005;
- 4) And that the Parking Control Department be directed to enforce the parking prohibition upon installation of the signs and passing of the by-law;
- 5) And that staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

PURPOSE:

This report recommends a parking prohibition on the east side of Washington Street to address ongoing traffic operational safety concerns due to on street parking.

BACKGROUND:

Washington Street is classified as a local residential street; located north of Hwy 7 and east of Main Street Markham North. Traffic Operations Department was notified by local residents of traffic safety concerns related to vehicles consistently parking on east side of Washington Street. While parking is currently prohibited on the west side of Washington Street, it is still too narrow (7.5 metres) to accommodate on-street parking on the east side and safely maintain two-way traffic flow.

OPTIONS/ DISCUSSION:

Traffic Operations staff has confirmed that the parking activity on east side on Washington Street is creating a two-way traffic operational problem. Parking activity is consistent throughout the day. Parked vehicles have also been observed encroaching on the adjacent sidewalk.

Prohibiting parking on Washington Street is recommended

By prohibiting parking on the east side of Washington Street between Highway 7 and Joseph Street, two-way traffic operations will be maintained (see Attachment "A"). It is expected that the proposed prohibition will mitigate traffic operational concerns and improve accessibility for Fire Services and emergency vehicles.

On January 20, 2016, letters were sent to the residents of Washington Street notifying them of the recommendation to prohibit parking on east side of the street.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The cost of materials to install the signs is included for in the Operations Department account # 061-5350-15238-005. On-going maintenance costs for this installation will be included in future Operations Department budgets.

HUMAN RESOURCES CONSIDERATIONS:

Not applicable.

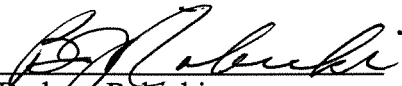
ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

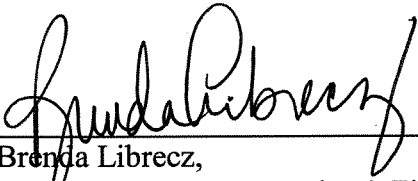
This report aligns with the community safety component of Markham's transportation strategic priority.

DEPARTMENTS CONSULTED AND AFFECTED:

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDED BY:


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Brenda Librecz,
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ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment "A" – Washington Street Proposed Parking Restriction Map

Attachment "B" – On-Street Parking Photos

Attachment "C" – Proposed By-Law Amendment