



Report to: General Committee

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**SUBJECT:** Halstead Drive Proposed Parking Restriction

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1) That the report entitled “Halstead Drive Parking Restriction,” be received;
- 2) And that Schedule “C” of Parking By-law 2005-188 be amended to restrict parking on the south side of Halstead Drive, from the west property line 57 Halstead Drive to Hollingham Drive, during the hours of 8am – 2pm, Saturday – Sunday only;
- 3) And that the Operations Department be directed to install the appropriate signs at the subject locations, funded through the Operations Department account # 061-5350-14228-005;
- 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 weekend parking restriction on the south side of Halstead Drive to address street parking concerns associated with the Apple Creek Seventh Day Adventist Church.

**BACKGROUND:**

**Need to address parking concerns on Halstead Drive**

Traffic Operations staff have received concerns from residents about on-street parking creating safety and operational issues on Halstead Drive, near the Apple Creek Seventh Day Adventist Church (see Attachment A). Residents have claimed that on weekends, vehicles are parking along both sides of this portion of Halstead Drive, effectively narrowing the road to one lane. Halstead Drive is classified as local residential street with a pavement width of 8.5 meters. Currently, there is a parking restriction on both sides of Halstead Drive, between the hours of 8am – 5pm, Monday – Friday, except Statutory Holidays.

**OPTIONS/ DISCUSSION:**

Traffic Operations staff has confirmed that the parking activity on Halstead Drive is creating an operational problem on weekends, generated by people attending worship during weekend mass. Although the church property along Barlow Road is fenced, there is an opening to allow convenient pedestrian access to the church.

**Restricting parking on Halstead Drive is recommended**

By prohibiting parking on the south side of Halstead Drive between 8am – 2pm, Saturday – Sunday, two-way traffic will be maintained while still providing on-street parking on the north side of Halstead Drive. The same restriction was implemented on nearby Barlow Road in 2009 in due to the same issues on that street.

On September 4, 2015, notice letters were sent to the affected properties adjacent to the proposed parking restriction, including the Apple Creek Seventh Day Adventist Church.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

The cost of materials to install the signs is included for in the Operations Department account # 061-5350-14228-005. On-going maintenance costs for this installation will be included in future Operations Department budgets.

**HUMAN RESOURCES CONSIDERATIONS:**

Not applicable.

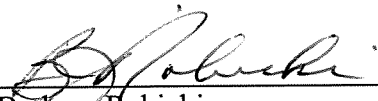
**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

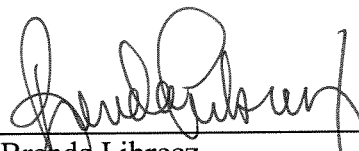
This report aligns with the community safety component of Markham's transportation strategic priority.

**DEPARTMENTS CONSULTED AND AFFECTED:**

Not applicable.

**RECOMMENDED BY:**

  
Barbara Rabicki,  
Director, Operations

  
Brenda Librecz,  
Commissioner, Community & Fire Services

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment "A" – Halstead Drive Proposed Parking Restriction Map

Attachment "B" – Proposed By-Law Amendment