



SUBJECT: Miramar Drive and Park Place Drive Proposed Parking Prohibition

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RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) That the staff report entitled "Miramar Drive and Park Place Drive Proposed Parking Prohibition", be received;
- 2) And that Schedule "C" of Traffic By-law 2005-188, be amended by including the east and north side of Miramar Drive, between Park Place Drive and Williamson Road;
- 3) And that Schedule "C" of Traffic By-law 2005-188, be amended by including the east and north side of Park Place Drive, between Sunburst Crescent and Williamson Road;
- 4) And that the Operations Department be directed to install and maintain the appropriate regulatory signs at the subject locations;
- 5) And that the cost of materials and installation for the traffic signs and pavement markings be funded from capital project # 11305 (Traffic Operational Improvements) in the amount of approximately \$1,000;
- 6) And that the Parking Control Department be directed to enforce the parking prohibition upon approval of the By-law amendment and installation of the regulatory signs;
- 7) And that staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

PURPOSE:

This report recommends prohibiting parking on Miramar Drive and Park Place Drive, to resolve traffic safety issues associated with on-street parking.

BACKGROUND:

Miramar Drive and Park Place Drive are local residential streets located in the Greensborough community. Mount Joy Park is located adjacent to Miramar Drive and Park Place and has sports field facilities that are actively utilized from May to September.

Need to address parking concerns on Miramar Drive and Park Place Drive.

Operations Department was contacted by a Miramar Drive resident regarding ongoing traffic safety concerns related to vehicles consistently parking on Miramar Drive and Park Place Drive. Concerns about sightline visibility and narrowing the road were specifically identified. The resident claims that sports field activities in Mount Joy Park are responsible for generating the parking activity.

DISCUSSION:

A parking prohibition is recommended to improve sightline visibility and maintain two-way traffic flow.

Traffic Operations staff conducted an assessment of parking conditions on Miramar Drive and Park Place Drive, near Mount Joy Park. Staff has confirmed that on-street parking is a regular occurrence on both sides of Miramar Drive and Park Place Drive, particularly when the sports field is in use. Parking is available at Mt. Joy Community Centre, but users of the sports field prefer to park on Miramar Drive and Park Place Drive due to the shorter walking distance.

With a road width of 8.5 metres, neither street is able to facilitate two-way traffic flow when on-street parking activity is occurring on both sides of the street. This parking activity effectively narrows the roadway to one-lane of travel and the standard six-metre clearance requirement to allow passage for large fire services vehicles are not met. Parked vehicles are also impeding sightline visibility at the intersection corners and right angle curves.

To ensure two-way traffic flow and sightline visibility requirements are met, it is recommended that a parking prohibition be implemented on the east and north sides of Miramar Drive and Park Place Drive (see Attachment "A"). While this may pose a minor inconvenience to local residents and sports field users, parking can be accommodated elsewhere, including the parking lot at Mt. Joy Community Centre.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The cost of materials and installation for the signs is not expected to exceed \$1,000 and has been included in the capital project # 11305 (Traffic Operational Improvements). On-going maintenance costs for this installation is included in the 2013 Operations Department operating budget.

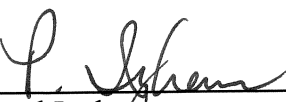
ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

This report aligns with the community safety component of the transportation/transit strategic priority.

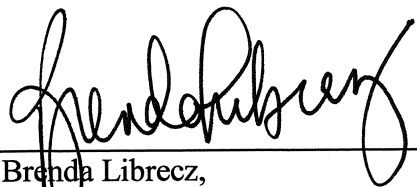
DEPARTMENTS CONSULTED AND AFFECTED:

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDED BY:



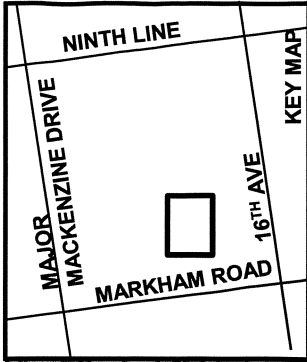
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Director, Operations



Brenda Librecz,
Commissioner, Community & Fire Services

ATTACHMENTS:

- Attachment A – Proposed Parking Restriction Map
- Attachment B – By-Law Amendment



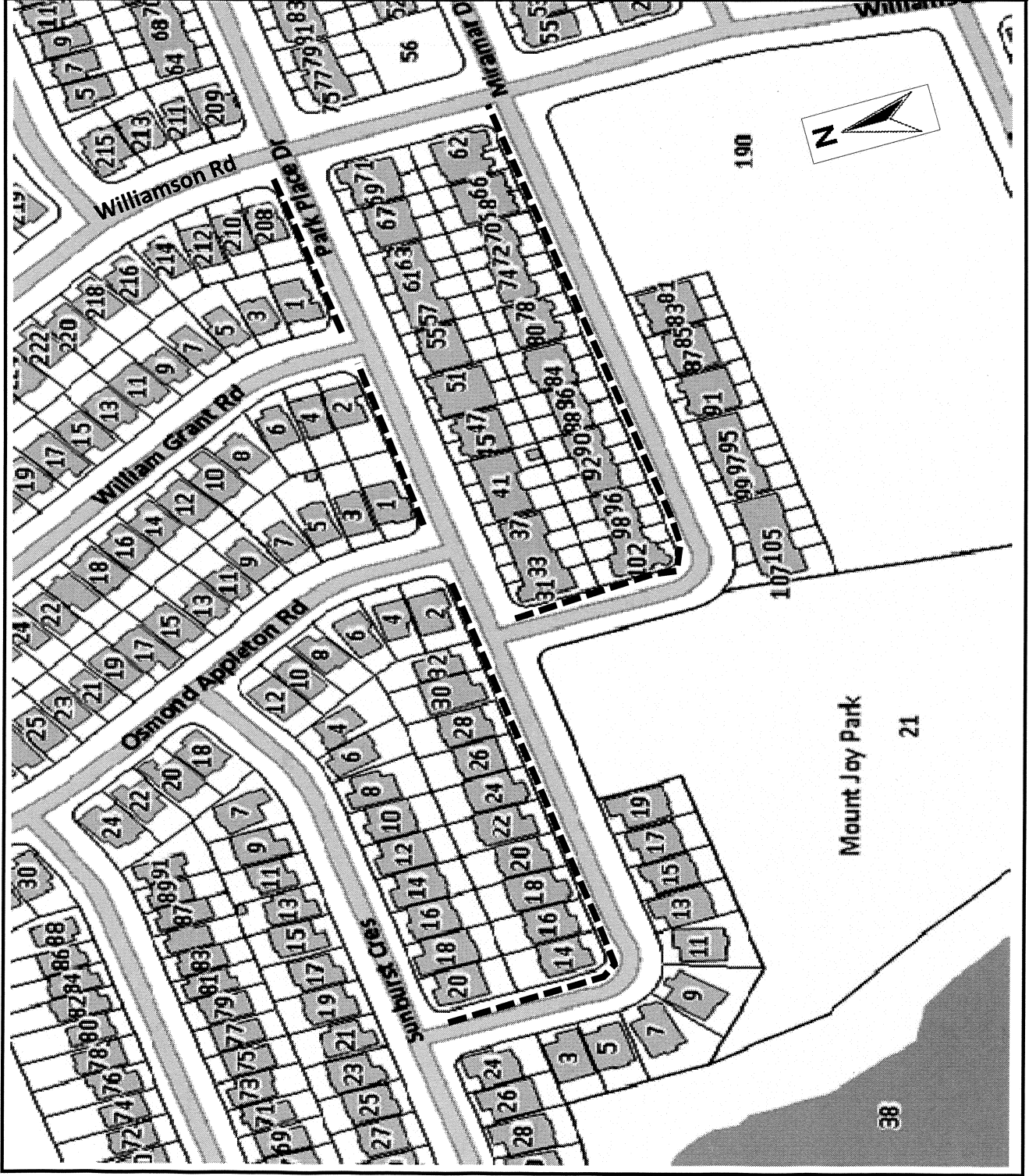
KEY MAP

Proposed "No Parking Anytime"

Miramar Drive & Park Place Drive
Proposed Parking Prohibition

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ATTACHMENT A





BY-LAW NUMBER _____

TO AMEND PARKING BY-LAW 2005-188

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MARKHAM THAT PARKING BY-LAW 2005-188 BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That Schedule "C" of Parking By-law 2005-188, pertaining to "Prohibited Parking", be amended by adding the following:

COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2	COLUMN 3	COLUMN 4
<u>STREET</u>	<u>SIDE(S)</u>	<u>BETWEEN</u>	<u>PROHIBITED TIME OR DAYS</u>
Miramar Drive	East/North	Park Place Drive and Williamson Road	Anytime
Park Place Drive	East/North	Sunburst Crescent and Williamson Road	Anytime

2. The By-law shall come into force and effect upon receiving the third reading by the Council of the City of Markham and also when authorized signs have been erected.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS _____

DAY OF _____, 2013.

KIMBERLY KITTERINGHAM
CITY CLERK

FRANK SCARPITTI
MAYOR