



Report to: General Committee

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SUBJECT: Darren Hill Trail Proposed Parking Prohibition

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RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) That the staff report entitled “Darren Hill Trail Proposed Parking Prohibition”, be received;
- 2) And that Schedule “C” of Parking By-law 2005-188, be amended by prohibiting parking anytime on the east & north sides of Darren Hill Trail, between the property line of #37 and #35 Darren Hill Trail and the property line between #35 and #21 Darren Hill Trail;
- 3) And that Schedule “C” of Parking By-law 2005-188, be amended by prohibiting parking anytime on the south & west sides of Darren Hill Trail between the property line of #22 and #24 Darren Hill Trail and the property line between #18 Darren Hill Trail and the rear property line of #1396 Castlemore Avenue;
- 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 regulatory signs be funded from capital project # 11305 (Traffic Operational Improvements) in the amount of approximately \$500;
- 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 specific portions of Darren Hill Trail to resolve traffic safety issues associated with on-street parking.

BACKGROUND:

Darren Hill Trail is a local residential street located in the Greensborough community, near the intersection of Markham Road and Castlemore Avenue. Staff was contacted regarding on-street parking activity frequently occurring at the right-angle turns on Darren Hill Trail. Residents are concerned that this parking activity is compromising the ability for vehicles to safely negotiate the street.

DISCUSSION:

A parking prohibition is recommended due to visibility of on-coming drivers.

Staff conducted a site assessment regarding the on-street parking concerns on Darren Hill Trail. Although no collisions have been reported on Darren Hill Trail, several site observations were

conducted by City staff and confirmed that on-street parking is a regular occurrence on both sides of Darren Hill Trail, approaching the right-angle turns. This parking activity effectively narrows the roadway to one-lane of travel and is also preventing minimum sightline visibility requirements from being achieved.

To ensure two-way flow of traffic and achieve minimum visibility requirements, it is recommended that a parking prohibition be implemented on the inside portion of the right-angle turns on Darren Hill Trail (see Attachment "A"). While this may pose a minor inconvenience to local residents, parking can be accommodated elsewhere on Darren Hill Trail where it is safer to do so.

Staff has notified all affected residents on Darren Hill Trail of the proposed parking prohibitions.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The cost of materials and installation for the signs is not expected to exceed \$500 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.

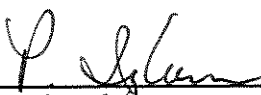
ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

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

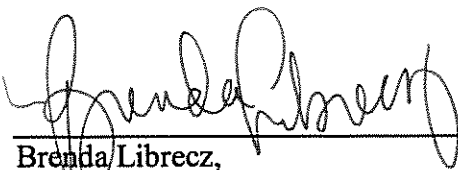
DEPARTMENTS CONSULTED AND AFFECTED:

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDED BY:



Paul Ingham,
Director, Operations



Brenda Librecz,
Commissioner, Community & Fire Services

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Proposed Parking Restriction Map

Attachment B – By-Law Amendment