



Report to: General Committee

Date Report Authored: August 12, 2013

SUBJECT: Reesor Road Proposed Parking Prohibition

PREPARED BY: David Porretta, Traffic Operations Supervisor, ext. 2040

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) That the staff report entitled “Reesor Road Proposed Parking Prohibition” be received;
- 2) And that Schedule “C” of Parking By-law 2005-188, be amended by including the west side of Reesor Road, from Steeles Avenue to a point 400 metres north thereof;
- 3) And that the Operations Department be directed to install and maintain the appropriate regulatory signs at the subject locations;
- 4) 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;
- 5) 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;
- 6) 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 the west side of Reesor Road, opposite Cedar Grove Park, to resolve operational safety issues associated with on-street parking activity.

BACKGROUND:

Cedar Grove Park is located at the northeast corner of Steeles Avenue and Reesor Road. The baseball diamond within the park is frequently in use during weekday evenings and on weekends. When in use, the parking lot provided on-site can reach capacity, resulting in vehicles parking on the gravel shoulders of Reesor Road. Cedar Grove Community Club has requested that parking be prohibited on the west side of Reesor Road to improve pedestrian safety.

DISCUSSION:

Vehicles parked on the west side of Reesor Road are compromising safety.

Staff has conducted multiple site investigations to observe parking activity on Reesor Road. Staff confirmed that when the baseball field is in use, parking activity occurs on both sides of Reesor Road. While this does not impede the flow of traffic, vehicles that park on the west side of Reesor Road create an unsafe situation where pedestrians are exposed to traffic as they attempt to cross Reesor Road and also between parked vehicles.

To mitigate this concern, implementing a parking prohibition on the west side of Reesor Road, opposite Cedar Grove Park, is recommended (see Attachment “A”). While this will displace parked vehicles, they can be accommodated on the east side of Reesor Road.

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.

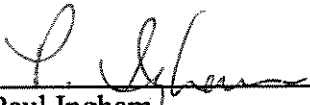
ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

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

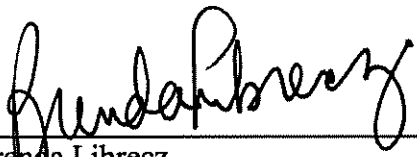
DEPARTMENTS CONSULTED AND AFFECTED:

Not applicable.

RECOMMENDED BY:



Paul Ingham,
Director, Operations



Brenda Librecz,
Commissioner, Community & Fire Services

ATTACHMENTS:

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