



Report to: General Committee

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SUBJECT: Grandview Area Proposed Parking Restrictions

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the staff report entitled “Grandview Area Proposed Parking Restrictions”, be received;
2. And that Schedule “C” of Traffic By-law 2005-188, be amended by including the south side of Meadowview Avenue, between Dudley Avenue and Willowdale Boulevard;
3. And that Schedule “C” of Traffic By-law 2005-188, be amended by including the north side of Grandview Avenue, between a point 55 metres east of Yonge Street and Willowdale Boulevard;
4. And that Schedule “C” of Traffic By-law 2005-188, be amended by including the east side of Dudley Avenue, between Grandview Avenue and Meadowview Avenue;
5. And that the Operations Department be directed to install the appropriate signs at the subject locations, funded through the Operations Department account # 083-5399-8402-005;
6. And that the Operations Department be directed to maintain the signs at the subject locations;
7. And that the Parking Control Department be directed to enforce the parking prohibition upon approval of the By-law amendment and installation of the signs;
8. And that this report be brought forward to the November 22nd, 2011 Council meeting;
9. And that staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

PURPOSE:

This report recommends restricting parking on the subject streets to resolve traffic operational issues associated with on-street parking generated by the Liberty World on Yonge Development.

BACKGROUND:

Need to address parking concerns in the Grandview Area

Operations Department has been contacted by several local residents and the Ward 1 Councillor’s office regarding traffic safety concerns related to vehicles consistently parking on both sides of Dudley, Grandview and Meadowview Avenues, effectively narrowing the roadway to one-lane of travel. Located in Thornhill, just north of Steeles Avenue and east of Yonge Street, the subject

streets are classified as local residential streets, with a road width of 8.5 metres (see Attachment A).

Parking activities are associated with the Liberty World on Yonge Development

The Grandview community has recently experienced a significant increase in on-street parking activity. This activity is caused by contractors and labourers working at the nearby Liberty World on Yonge site at 7161-7171 Yonge Street. Engineering Department has verified that the owner of Liberty World on Yonge has made attempts to provide other off-site parking facilities for the workers. The owner also advised the workers not to park on the nearby residential streets. Since most of these workers are of different sub-contractors and trades, and not direct labour, the owner has no effective method to control where the workers park their vehicles.

DISCUSSION:**Parking prohibition recommended on Dudley, Grandview and Meadowview Avenues**

Staff has reviewed the existing parking conditions on Dudley Avenue, Grandview Avenue and Meadowview Avenue, and concluded that vehicles parking on both sides of the streets pose a safety concern for fire and emergency access. To allow fire apparatus to safely navigate and set-up on the street, a road width of at least 6.0 metres must be maintained.

While it is not the intention of staff to prohibit the workers from parking on local streets, sufficient road width must be provided to ensure access to fire and municipal services such as winter maintenance and waste collection. Restricting parking on one side will ensure the required minimum pavement width to allow the safe passage and set-up of fire apparatus. Therefore, Town staff is recommending that parking be restricted on one side of Dudley, Grandview and Meadowview Avenues, from the hours of 8am – 5pm, 7 days a week. This will address the ongoing parking concerns, while minimizing impacts to local residents.

The affected residents within the Grandview community have been advised of the proposed restriction. Staff will be monitoring parking activities within the Grandview community following implementation to ensure operational safety is being provided.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The cost of materials and installation of the proposed parking prohibition signs, estimated to be approximately \$1,000, has been included in the Operations Department account # 83-5399-8402-005. Staff is pursuing reimbursement for the cost of sign materials and installation from Liberty Development Corporation. On-going maintenance costs for this installation will be included in future Operations Department operating budgets.

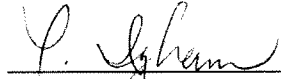
ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

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

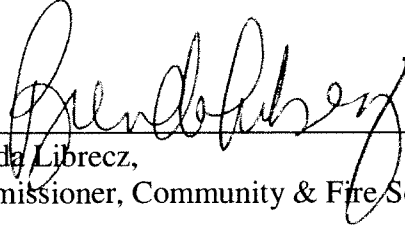
DEPARTMENTS CONSULTED AND AFFECTED:

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