



TO: Mayor and Members of Council

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DATE: April 24, 2018

Re: Haskett Drive Proposed Parking Prohibition

Background

A report titled "Haskett Drive Proposed Parking Prohibition" was tabled at the April 16, 2018 Development Services Committee for the purposes of amending Schedule "C" of Parking By-law 2005-188 to allow for the implementation of parking prohibitions on the north and east side of Haskett Drive, between the property line of #18/20 and the property line of #38/40 as well as the south and west side of Haskett Drive between the property line of #11/39 and the property line of #41/43. The parking prohibitions were recommended by City staff to address safety concerns resulting from vehicles parked within the sharp curve of Haskett Drive.

Development Services Committee suggested the need for an investigation of the cause of on-street parking at this corner and directed staff to provide a memo with the results of the investigation to Council on April 24, 2018.

New data confirm recommendations

City staff have investigated the issue further to collect additional data. City staff conducted a follow-up site visit on Tuesday April 17, 2018 and have confirmed that on-street parking within the subject area occurs throughout the day. With reports from a local resident that vehicles are regularly parking overnight, it is believed that vehicles parked on the curve may belong to either residents or their visitors.

By-law enforcement was requested in February 2018 to enforce overnight parking restrictions and have since issued 12 tickets for overnight parking violations.

With a road pavement width of 8.5m, vehicles parked on the curve reduce the road width of Haskett Drive by approximately 2.0m to 4.0m (or more during snow periods) preventing two-way vehicle movement and also creating sightline visibility issues. In addition, on-street parking on both sides of the curve creates accessibility issues for emergency vehicles. These issues are exacerbated by the tight curvature of the road.

Based on these additional data, the recommendations contained in the April 16, 2018 Development Services Committee report are reinforced and, therefore, no change is suggested.

Additional concern expressed at Development Services Committee

A concern was expressed at Development Services Committee on April 16, 2018 that if the Haskett Drive parking restriction is approved, it could potentially trigger an influx of similar requests from across the City. From a visual review of the local street system in the City, the number of instances of a similar road configuration as Haskett Drive (8.5m or less pavement width and road curvature angle of less than 90 degrees) is fewer than 25.

Regardless, when a complaint or request is received regarding on-street parking where traffic movement and emergency vehicle access may be restricted, staff will investigate and confirm whether there is a need to restrict on-street parking. Council makes the final decision on amending Parking By-Law 2005-188 when new parking restrictions are recommended.