

Fire Route Designations

(City Council on November 23, 24 and 25, 1999, adopted this Clause, without amendment.)

The Etobicoke Community Council recommends the adoption of the following report (October 28, 1999) from the City Clerk:

Purpose:

To obtain Council approval for the enactment of the appropriate by-law to approve the final designation of fire routes to enable by-law enforcement officers to tag illegally parked vehicles within the designated fire routes.

Financial Implications and Impact Statement:

The property owner is required to pay the cost for the installation of the fire route signs, by the Works and Emergency Services Department, in addition to any signs that may require replacing, in the future.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the final designation of Fire Routes under Chapter 134 of the Etobicoke Municipal Code be approved at the following locations:
 - (a) 25 Queen's Plate Drive;
 - (b) 41 Blackfriar Avenue;
 - (c) 25 Bridesburg Drive; and
 - (d) 10 Blackfriar Avenue; and
- (2) the appropriate by-law be enacted by City Council.

Background:

On April 8, 1975, an "Act respecting the Borough of Etobicoke" received Royal Assent. A portion of the Act, Section 2, allows the Corporation to pass by-laws regulating and designating fire routes. Each property requires the enactment of two by-laws:

- (1) to allow the Works and Emergency Services Department to install and maintain the required number of fire route signs on each property; and

- (2) to allow appropriate officials to tag and/or remove vehicles illegally parked within the designated fire route area..

In instances when changes have been made to a property, such as additions to existing buildings, the construction of additional new buildings on the site or revisions to the parking areas, it is necessary to amend the designating fire route by-law.

Comments:

It is appropriate for Etobicoke Community Council to authorize the enactment of this by-law (Attachment No. 1). Similar by-laws will be presented to Community Council on an ongoing basis. As all former area municipalities have different procedures for processing fire routes, revisions to Etobicoke's existing procedures may be amended in the future.

Conclusions:

In keeping with Toronto Fire Service regulations, it is appropriate to enact this by-law to allow the By-law Enforcement Officers to tag vehicles that are illegally parked in fire route zones.

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(A copy of Attachment No. 1, referred to in the foregoing report, was forwarded to all Members of Council with the agenda for the Etobicoke Community Council meeting of November 9, 1999, and a copy of each is on file in the office of the City Clerk.)