

Clause embodied in Report No. 4 of the West Community Council, as adopted by the Council of the City of Toronto at its meeting held on May 30, 31 and June 1, 2001.

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Introduction of Parking Prohibition: Dumbarton Road (Ward 5 - Etobicoke-Lakeshore)

(City Council on May 30, 31 and June 1, 2001, adopted this Clause, without amendment.)

The West Community Council recommends the adoption of the following report (April 18, 2001) from the Director, Transportation Services, District 2:

Purpose:

To propose the introduction of a parking prohibition from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on both sides of Dumbarton Road between Coney Road and Badger Drive.

Financial Implications and Impact Statement:

The funds associated with the introduction of the appropriate regulatory signage are contained in the Transportation Services Division Operating Budget.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) parking be prohibited, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on both sides of Dumbarton Road, between Coney Road and Badger Drive; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto, including the introduction in Council of any bills that may be required.

Background:

The Transportation Services Division-District 2, received correspondence (a petition) from an area resident requesting that parking be prohibited on both sides of the entire length of Dumbarton Road, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. The impetus for the petition was as a result of the occurrence of long-term parking of vehicles driven by students who attend Bishop Allen Academy High School, located at 721 Royal York Road.

The excessive amount of vehicles parking on Dumbarton Road reduces it from a two-lane roadway to a one-lane roadway. This also makes it more difficult for the residents of Dumbarton Road to enter and exit their driveways. A map of the area is Attachment No. 1.

Comments:

Dumbarton Road is a north-south local residential road, extending north from Coney Road, two blocks west of Royal York Road, where Bishop Allen Academy High School is located. As the student population and the vehicle ownership of students attending Bishop Allen Academy High School has grown, the students have adopted the practice of parking on adjacent residential streets. Consequently, City staff have received complaints from the residents regarding the long-term parking occurrences, and the problems associated with that practice.

As a result, over the years, the parking regulations on the roads in proximity to the school have been changed at the request of the residents in an attempt to manage the parking situation. The parking regulations on Coney Road, which is an east-west local residential road, extending west from Royal York Road, were changed in February 2001, by the passage of By-law No. 41-2001, enacting a "No Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" prohibition; this prohibition applies year round. The parking regulations on Darlington Drive, a north-south local residential road, the first block west of Royal York Road, were changed in the fall of 2000, enacting a parking prohibition as "No Parking 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, from September to June." Although staff had recommended that the prohibition apply year round, Council directed and approved, at the request of the residents, that the prohibition be seasonal and that it apply only for the period from September to June.

To respond to the concerns of the residents of Dumbarton Road, in April 2001, City staff formally polled all residents of the streets to obtain their views on suggested parking regulation changes. The results of that survey are summarized in the table below:

No. of surveys delivered	No. of surveys returned	No. of residents in favour of a "No Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" on both sides of Dumbarton Road.	No. of residents in favour of a "No Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" on one side of Dumbarton Road and allowing parking (three hours maximum) on the opposite side.	No. of residents in favour of no change – parking for three hours maximum
24	20 (83%)	15 (75%)	2 (10%)	2 (10%)

The results of the survey clearly show that the majority of residents on Dumbarton Road support the implementation of a "No Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday" prohibition for both sides of Dumbarton Road. One of the residents who responded to the survey stated that their household was in favour of change, but would not support any of the alternatives. This resident has indicated through telephone conversations with staff, that they would support a less restrictive prohibition in terms of the time period during the day and a seasonal as opposed to a year long restriction. The resident also indicated that he/she was planning to appear in deputation on this matter. The option of a "seasonal" regulation was not an alternative offered in the survey, since year long restrictions are common practices in school zones and areas, given that school functions and activities also occur during the summer months.

Conclusions:

Based on staff examination of this matter and the favourable consensus among the affected residents, the installation of a parking prohibition on both sides of the entire length of Dumbarton Road, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, is appropriate and being recommended for Council approval.

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(A copy of Attachment No. 1, referred to in the foregoing report, was forwarded to all Members of the West Community Council with the agenda for its meeting on May 16, 2001, and a copy thereof is on file in the office of the City Clerk, Etobicoke Civic Centre.)