



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

181 Colin Avenue – Driveway Widening Appeal for a Second Vehicle

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To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Manager, Right of Way Management, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	St. Paul's – Ward 22
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SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter which Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Transportation Services has assessed an appeal from the owner of 181 Colin Avenue for parking a second vehicle at this location. We do not recommend approval for the parking of a second vehicle at this location because it does not meet the requirements of the former City of Toronto Municipal Code. The owner will be given an opportunity to make a deputation before Community Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. deny the request for driveway widening for a second vehicle at 181 Colin Avenue.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact to the City as a result of this report.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The property owner of 181 Colin Avenue, a single family detached home with a mutual driveway, submitted an application for driveway widening for the parking of a second vehicle at this location. The applicant was advised that the property was not eligible for the parking of a second vehicle and that the former City of Toronto Municipal Code

regulations for driveway widening do not permit the licensing of more than one vehicle. The applicant subsequently submitted an appeal requesting further consideration of this proposal. This location is currently licensed for one vehicle.

The proposal for driveway widening for the parking of a second vehicle is shown on Appendix 'A', the property data map is shown on Appendix 'B', digital photos of the property are shown on Appendix 'C' and the applicant's landscape proposal is shown on Appendix 'D'.

COMMENTS

Applicable regulations

At the time of application, driveway widening was governed by the criteria set out in the former City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 248, Parking Licences. The relevant provisions include:

- limit the number of vehicles that can be licensed to one.

Reason for not approving

The property does not meet the above criteria for the following reason:

- the proposal is for more than one vehicle.

Other factors

This property is not located within a permit parking area.

On this portion of Colin Avenue, between Eglinton Avenue West and Anderson Avenue, there are two properties licensed for driveway widening.

There is a tree on the front yard at this location. A review of this application by Urban Forestry has determined that there is no suitable planting site for a tree at this location.

In accordance with the requirements of the Downspout Disconnection Program, a review by Toronto Water has revealed that one downspout at this property has been disconnected by the property owner.

Alternate recommendations

While the property is not eligible for driveway widening for two vehicles because it does not meet the above-noted requirements of the Municipal Code, the property could meet the other physical requirements of the Code, (i.e., setback and landscaping).

Should Community Council decide to grant the appeal for driveway widening for a second vehicle at 181 Colin Avenue, it could recommend that:

1. the parking area for the second vehicle not exceed 2.1 m by 4.8 m in dimension;
and
2. the applicant pay all applicable fees and comply with all other criteria set out in the former City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 248, Parking Licenses.

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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix 'A' – sketch

Appendix 'B' – property data map

Appendix 'C' – photo

Appendix 'D' – applicant's landscape proposal

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