



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Proposed Parking Regulations on Palmdale Drive

Date:	March 17, 2008
To:	Scarborough Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District
Wards:	Ward 40 – Scarborough-Agincourt
Reference Number:	P:\2007\Cluster B\TRA\Scarborough\sc08025 D07-2735 Palmdale Drive Parking

SUMMARY

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

This report responds to a concern about lack of clearly defined regulations pertaining to on-street parking and specific parking regulations to accommodate maintenance activities. Staff has confirmed the need for parking regulations in order to maintain safe and efficient two-way traffic on Palmdale Drive.

It is recommended that Transportation Services install “No Parking Anytime” on the west and south side of Palmdale Drive for the entire length of Palmdale Drive, and on the east and north side of Palmdale Drive in the curves only. It is also recommended that parking be prohibited between 12:01 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. on the straight portions on the east and north side, which would allow for some on-street parking to be permitted during the day and evening periods.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services, Scarborough District, recommends that Scarborough Community Council:

1. Rescind the parking regulations, as identified in Appendix 1 of this report
2. Enact the parking regulations, as identified in Appendix 2 of this report, and
3. Amend the appropriate by-law accordingly.

Financial Impact

The financial cost of installing these parking prohibition signs is approximately \$4,000.00. Funding for the signs is available in the Transportation Services 2007 Operating Budget, within Cost Centre TP0226.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Further to a concern raised by Councillor Norm Kelly about the lack of parking regulations on Palmdale Drive, Transportation Services staff reviewed the current parking conditions on this roadway. Specifically, the Councillor expressed concerns about the frequency and duration of long term parking observed on Palmdale Drive and subsequent impacts on the residents and snow clearing activities. The current by-laws, enacted in 1975 did not clearly define the limits of limited permissive parking areas on the north and east side of this street.

COMMENTS

Several characteristics describing the subject portion of Palmdale Drive include:

- Palmdale Drive is directly adjacent the Wishing Well Community and the Vradenburg Park area.
- Palmdale Drive provides a direct connection between Sheppard Avenue East and Warden Avenue.
- Palmdale Drive forms a “T” type intersection on the south side of Sheppard Avenue East, and through a series of curves and straight portions of road forms another intersection well south at Warden Avenue.
- The land use on Palmdale Drive located between Sheppard Avenue East and Warden Avenue, is residential town houses and multi-level dwellings.
- Palmdale Drive is a two-lane local road with a speed limit of 50 kilometres per hour and a traffic volume of approximately 2000 vehicles per day, (vpd). Palmdale Drive has a pavement width of approximately 8.5 metres.
- By-law regulations pertaining to parking are unclear. Parking is currently prohibited on both sides of Palmdale Drive with the exception of a Direction of Council (1975) to allow parking in some sections without clearly defined limits.

It is recommended that Transportation Services install “No Parking Anytime” on the west and south side of Palmdale Drive for the entire length of Palmdale Drive, and on the east and north side of Palmdale Drive in the curves only. It is also recommended that parking be prohibited between 12:01 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. on the straight portions on the east and north side, which would allow for some on-street parking to be permitted during the day and evening periods.

In order to maintain safe and efficient two-way traffic on this roadway, parking must be prohibited at all times on the west and south sides. The “No Parking Anytime” regulation on the north and east side in the curves, is intended to mitigate any potential conflicts between through traffic, pedestrians, cyclists, and parked vehicles near these curved sections of roadway.

In addition, the “No Parking 12:01 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.”, on the straight portions of the north and east side will facilitate snow clearing activities during overnight hours, while still providing some short term on-street parking during the day and evening time periods. The limits of the parking regulations will be clearly defined through signage on the street.

We anticipate that the Parking Regulations will enhance safety for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists, while still allowing for occasional parking of visitors to the neighbourhood, during the day and evening.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Appendix 1 – By-law Amendment (rescind)
2. Appendix 2 – By-law Amendments (enact)
3. Location Plan – Proposed Parking Regulations, Palmdale Drive

Appendix 1
 “No Parking”
 Regulation to be Rescinded

(In Column 1) Highway	(In Column 2) Side	(In Column 3) From	To	(In Column 4) Times or Days
Palmdale Drive	Both	Warden Avenue	Sheppard Avenue	Anytime

Appendix 2
 “No Parking”
 Regulation to be Enacted

(In Column 1) Highway	(In Column 2) Side	(In Column 3) From	To	(In Column 4) Times or Days
Palmdale Drive	West and South	Warden Avenue	Sheppard Avenue	Anytime
Palmdale Drive	East and North	Sheppard Avenue	147 metres south and east of Sheppard Avenue	Anytime
Palmdale Drive	North	147 metres south and east of Sheppard Avenue	To a point 55 metres further east	12:01 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.
Palmdale Drive	North and East	202 metres south and east of Sheppard Avenue	To a point 81 metres further south and east	Anytime
Palmdale Drive	East	283 metres south and east of Sheppard Avenue	To a point 57 metres further south	12:01 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.
Palmdale Drive	East	340 metres south and east of Sheppard Avenue	To a point 17 metres further south	Anytime
Palmdale Drive	East	357 metres south and east of Sheppard Avenue	To a point 31 metres further south	12:01 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.
Palmdale Drive	East and North	388 metres south and east of Sheppard Avenue	To a point 91 metres further south and east	Anytime
Palmdale Drive	North	479 metres south and east of Sheppard Avenue	To a point 30 metres further east	12:01 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.
Palmdale Drive	North	509 metres south and east of Sheppard Avenue	Warden Avenue	Anytime