



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Proposed Parking Regulations on Great West Drive

Date:	October 30, 2007
To:	Scarborough Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District
Wards:	Ward 37 – Scarborough Centre
Reference Number:	P:\2007\Cluster B\TRA\Scarborough\sc07069 D07-531 Great West Drive

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 parking regulations on Great West Drive. Staff has confirmed the need for parking regulations in order to maintain safe and efficient two-way traffic on Great West Drive .

It is recommended that Transportation Services install “No Parking Anytime” on the east side of Great West Drive and prohibit parking on the west side of Great West Drive between 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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

Financial Impact

The financial cost of installing these parking prohibition signs is approximately \$2,000.00. 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 Michael Thompson about the lack of parking regulations on Great West 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 Great West Drive and subsequent impacts on the residents and on surrounding industries.

COMMENTS

Several characteristics describing the subject portion of Great West Drive include:

- Great West Drive is contained within The Dorset Park Employment Community.
- The land use on Great West Drive located between Midwest Road and Ellesmere Service Road, just west of Midland Avenue is mixed-- single family/town houses dwellings on the east side and industrial/commercial on the west side.
- Great West Drive is a two-lane north-south local road with a speed limit of 50 kilometres per hour and a traffic volume of approximately 2000 vehicles per day, (vpd). Great West Drive has a pavement width of approximately 8.3 metres.
- Our studies recorded significant amounts of truck traffic on Great West Drive-- approximately 20 to 30 % of the total volume consists of light/medium and heavy trucks.
- Parking is currently permitted on the both sides of Great West Drive with the exception of the 15 metre corner “No Parking Anytime” restrictions at Midwest Road and Ellesmere Service Road.
- If a vehicle was to park on the east side simultaneously to a vehicle parked on the west side of Great West Drive, two-way traffic could not safely be maintained.

It is recommended that Transportation Services install “No Parking Anytime” on the east side of Great West Drive and prohibit parking on the west side of Great West Drive between 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday.

This will maintain safe and efficient two-way traffic on this roadway. In addition, the “No Parking Anytime” corner restriction will be extended northerly on the west side of Great West Drive from Midwest Road in the vicinity of the curve. This extension of the corner restriction is intended to mitigate any potential conflicts between turning motorists, parked vehicles, pedestrians and through traffic on this curved section of roadway.

We anticipate that the Parking Regulations will enhance safety for pedestrians and motorists, while still allowing for occasional parking of visitors to the neighbourhood, in the evening hours and on weekends. The adjacent industries in this area have off-street parking facilities to meet their own demands.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Appendix 1 – By-law Amendment (enact)
2. Location Plan – Proposed Parking Regulations, Great West Drive

Appendix 1

“No Parking”
Regulation to be Enacted

<u>Column 1 Highway</u>	<u>Column 2 Side</u>	<u>Column 3 From</u>	<u>Column 4 To</u>	<u>Column 5 Times or Days</u>
Great West Drive	West	Midwest Road	A point 30 metres north of Midwest Road	Anytime
Great West Drive	West	A point 30 metres north of Midwest Road	Ellesmere Service Road	6:00a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday
Great West Drive	East	Midwest Road	Ellesmere Service Road	Anytime