



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Proposed Parking Prohibitions on Nine Local Roads-
South-East of Lawrence Avenue East and Port Union
Road**

Date:	April 23, 2009
To:	Scarborough Community Council
From:	Acting Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District
Wards:	Ward 44 – Scarborough East
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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 an expressed concern and a subsequent petition with 198 signatures of area residents by Lawrence Avenue East and Port Union Road through Councillor Moeser to remove the current “winter maintenance/No Parking 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. from November 1 to April 30” regulations and replace it with “No Parking 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Monday to Friday” parking regulations on nine local roads.

Staff cannot recommend the removal of the current “winter maintenance/No Parking 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. from November 1 to April 30” parking regulation such that snow removal practices and safe residential access could be negatively impacted. However, staff has no objections to approving “No Parking 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Monday to Friday” on all nine identified streets noted in this report. A subsequent review, further identified the benefits of approving “No Parking 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, Except Public Holidays” on all these same nine streets. In addition, staff recommends that “No Parking Anytime” regulations be installed on both sides of Elsbury Lane and on the west side of Schooner Lane due to the narrow travel widths of these roads. These parking alterations will help to encourage clearer access on these streets as well as continuing to provide some temporary parking benefits.

As an additional consideration, on the identified roads, staff has determined that there is merit in allowing parking on-street during public holidays. The parking regulation “No Parking 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, Except Public Holidays” will accomplish this goal on the specified streets.

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 and 3 of this report.
2. Amend the appropriate by-law(s) accordingly.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The financial cost of installing these parking prohibition signs is approximately \$12,800.00. Funding for the signs is available in the Transportation Services 2009 Operating Budget, within Cost Centre TP0397.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Through Councillor Ron Moeser, Transportation Services received a petition signed by 198 area residents concerned about long term parking on nine area streets. The petition supported the removal of the current “No Parking 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. from November 1 to April 30” or the ‘winter maintenance parking regulation’ on these local roads. The petition also requested that the existing regulations be replaced with “No Parking 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Monday to Friday”.

The streets identified in the petition include: Bridgend Street, Colinroy Street, Lawrence Avenue East south side, Marine Approach Drive, Port Union Road east side, Provincetown Road, Schooner Lane, Shoalhaven Drive and Wynnecastle Road. Elsbury Lane and Duthie Street were also identified in the petition. However, because Elsbury Lane is a laneway and has driveways on both sides of the road it is too narrow for ‘permitted parking’. In the case of Duthie Street, this road at the east leg of Port Union Road and Bridgend Street is unimproved and unopened at this time and therefore, cannot be considered for signed parking regulations at this time.

Transportation Services staff reviewed the current parking situation on the identified existing roadways. Specifically, staff looked into the origins of the “No Parking from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., November 1 to April 30” regulation. This review determined that this parking regulation is intended to help facilitate winter maintenance by restricting parking on these streets. Without such a regulation during the winter months, snowploughs will be prevented from completing their work due to the obstruction of on-street parked vehicles. Similarly, many residents would not be able to access their driveways due to snow obstructed roadways. Perhaps most significantly, such snow impeded roads would seriously

hamper the timeliness of emergency response vehicles. Given these potential scenarios, staff does not support the removal of the current ‘winter maintenance’/ “No Parking 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. from November 1 to April 30” parking regulations.

COMMENTS

Staff conducted several site visits this past spring, summer and winter at each of the identified roadways in this subdivision that is composed largely of single family residential units. The following comments describe the characteristics of each of the subject roads:

- **Bridgend Street** - Beyond the winter parking maintenance regulations, parking is currently permitted up to a maximum of three hours on both sides of this street. The road width of Bridgend Street is 12.8 metres. Staff site checks recorded that most of the vehicles parked on the south side of this road. In view of the residents concerns and our analysis, we have no objections to the installation of “No Parking from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Except Public Holidays” on both sides of Bridgend Street. However, staff recommends that the “No Parking from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., November 1 to April 30” regulation should be retained on Bridgend Street.
- **Colinroy Street** - The “winter maintenance/No Parking 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. from November 1 to April 30” regulation applies to this street. Beyond this regulation parking is otherwise allowed up to a maximum of three hours on both sides. Colinroy Street is 7.0 metres wide and the single family units on this road are fronted by accompanying driveways on both sides of the road. Staff conducted several site visits and observed that there is only sufficient space for one vehicle to park on the roadway without interfering with access/egress from other driveways. Considering the number of residential driveways and low parking activity, staff recommends maintaining the existing winter maintenance parking restrictions on Colinroy Street. However, where curb space permits; “No Parking from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Except Public Holidays” is acceptable on Colinroy Street.
- **Lawrence Avenue East (south side)** - Beyond a 30 metre corner parking restrictions, and a No Standing zone by a TTC stop near Marine Approach Drive, parking is currently permitted up to a maximum of three hours on the south side of Lawrence Avenue East from Port Union Road to Marine Approach Drive. The “No Parking from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., November 1 to April 30” is not in affect on this wide, four lane roadway. The two eastbound lanes of Lawrence Avenue East measure 7.8 metres wide. This portion of Lawrence Avenue East provides rearage to residential units that are driveway accessed by Elsbury Lane. At the time of our site visits, staff did not observe any vehicles parked on the south side of this section of Lawrence Avenue East. While staff does not have any objections to installing “No Parking from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Except Public Holidays” on the reviewed south portion of Lawrence Avenue East, since this road is serviced by a TTC route, changes to parking regulations are not delegated to Scarborough Community Council and require submission to City Council for

approval. As such, at this time staff is not proposing any changes to the existing parking signage along this portion of Lawrence Avenue East at this time.

- **Marine Approach Drive** - The “winter maintenance/No Parking 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. from November 1 to April 30” regulation applies to this street. In addition, parking is currently permitted up to a maximum of three hours on both sides. Marine Approach Drive, a residential road is 9.6 metres wide. Several staff visits to this road showed only a few vehicles parked on Marine Approach Drive. In view of the residents concerns and our analysis, we have no objections to installing “No Parking from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Except Public Holidays” on both sides of Marine Approach Drive. However, staff recommends that the “No Parking from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., November 1 to April 30” regulation should be retained on Marine Approach Drive.
- **Port Union Road (east side)** - Currently, parking regulations are not signed on Port Union Road from Lawrence Avenue East to the south limit of this road. The two northbound lanes of Port Union Road measure 7.8 metres wide. Staff conducted several site visits and observed that vehicles parked on the east side of this road. Since the south limit of Port Union Road is scheduled to be modified with a turning circle later this year, staff do not support changing any of the existing regulations at this time.
- **Provincetown Road** - The “winter maintenance/No Parking 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. from November 1 to April 30” regulation applies to this street. Beyond this regulation, parking is permitted up to a maximum of three hours on both sides of this road that is 8.0 metres wide. Staff conducted several site visits and observed that vehicles parked on both sides of this street. In view of the residents concerns and our analysis, we have no objections to “No Parking from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Except Public Holidays” on both sides of Provincetown Road. However, staff recommends that the “No Parking from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., November 1 to April 30” regulation should be retained on Provincetown Road.
- **Schooner Lane** – Beyond the “winter maintenance/No Parking 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. from November 1 to April 30” regulation, parking on this street, that measures 7.5 metres wide, is currently permitted up to a maximum of three hours. The residential units on this road have accompanying driveways on the east side and only garage entrances on the west side of Schooner Lane. Staff conducted several site visits and observed that only one vehicle can park on the roadway without interfering with access/egress from these driveways. Considering the number of residential driveways and low parking activity, we would not recommend relaxing the parking regulations on Schooner Lane. However, staff do recommend “No Parking from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Except Public Holidays” on the east side of this road and “No Parking Anytime” regulations on the west side of Schooner Lane in order to maintain unobstructed garage access.
- **Shoalhaven Drive** – Similar in configuration to Provincetown Road, the “winter maintenance/No Parking 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. from November 1 to April 30”

regulation also applies to Shoalhaven Drive. Beyond this regulation, parking is permitted up to a maximum of three hours on both sides of this road that is 8.0 metres wide. Staff conducted several site visits and observed that vehicles parked on both sides of this road. In view of the residents concerns and our analysis, we have no objections to “No Parking from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Except Public Holidays” on both sides of Shoalhaven Drive. However, staff recommends that the “No Parking from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., November 1 to April 30” regulation should be retained on Shoalhaven Drive.

- **Wynnecastle Road** - The “winter maintenance/No Parking 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. from November 1 to April 30” regulation also applies to this street. Beyond this regulation, parking is currently permitted up to a maximum of three hours on Wynnecastle Road. This road measures 7.0 metres wide and has driveway accesses only along the west side of the street. Staff conducted several site visits and observed that no vehicles parked on the east side. In view of the residents concerns and access/egress from residential driveways, where curb space permits; we have no objections to installing “No Parking from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Except Public Holidays” on the both sides of Wynnecastle Road. However, staff recommends that the “No Parking from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., November 1 to April 30” regulation should continue to be retained on Wynnecastle Road.

The existing and recommended parking regulations are intended to enhance ongoing maintenance and accessibility along these identified roads while at the same time allowing for a balance of temporary parking.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Appendix 1 – By-law Amendment (rescind)
2. Appendix 2 & 3 – By-law Amendment (enact)
3. Location Plan – Proposed Parking Regulations - Nine Local Roads, Southeast of Lawrence Avenue East and Port Union Road

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
Elsbury Lane	Both	Provincetown Road	Marine Approach Drive	2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. Nov. 1 to April 30
Elsbury Lane	East	27 metres north of Provincetown Road	17 metres north thereof	Anytime
Schooner Lane	Both	Cherry Street	Provincetown Road	2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. Nov. 1 to April 30

Appendix 2

“No Parking”
Regulation to be Enacted

(In Column 1) Highway	(In Column 2) Side	(In Column 3) From	(In Column 4) To	(In Column 5) Times or Days
Bridgend Street	Both	East end of Bridgend Street (east leg)	West end of Bridgend Street (east leg)	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, Except Public Holidays
Cherry Street	Both	Port Union Road	Schooner Lane	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, Except Public Holidays
Colinroy Street	Both	Shoalhaven Drive	South end of Colinroy Street	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, Except Public Holidays
Elsbury Lane	Both	Provincetown Road	Marine Approach Drive	Anytime
Marine Approach Drive	Both	Bridgend Street	Lawrence Avenue East	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, Except Public Holidays
Provincetown Road	Both	Marine Approach Drive	Port Union Road	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, Except Public Holidays
Schooner Lane	East	Cherry Street	Provincetown Road	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, Except Public Holidays

Appendix 3

“No Parking”
Regulation to be Enacted

(In Column 1) Highway	(In Column 2) Side	(In Column 3) From	(In Column 4) To	(In Column 5) Times or Days
Schooner Lane	East	Cherry Street	Provincetown Road	2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. Nov. 1 to April 30
Schooner Lane	West	Provincetown Road	Cherry Street	Anytime
Shoalhaven Drive	Both	Bridgend Street	Port Union Road	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, Except Public Holidays
Wynnecastle Street	Both	Shoalhaven Drive	South end of Wynnecastle Street	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, Except Public Holidays