



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Proposed Parking Prohibitions on Ridware Crescent

Date:	September 22, 2009
To:	Scarborough Community Council
From:	Acting Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District
Wards:	Ward 44 – Scarborough East
Reference Number:	P:\2009\Cluster B\TRA\Scarborough\sc09066 D09-3334302 Ridware Crescent Parking Prohibitions

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 the lack of parking regulations on both sides of Ridware Crescent. Staff has received a petition from the residents of Ridware Crescent confirming that the majority (74%) of respondents support “No Parking 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, Except Public Holidays”, restrictions. Due to the proximity to the University of Toronto (Scarborough Campus) as well as nearby Centennial College (HP Science and Technology Campus), student parking on this roadway, as well as other adjacent roadways, has been problematic for area residents. The potential for parking abuses along this segment of Ridware Crescent has been confirmed by staff.

To mitigate on-street parking problems, changes to parking regulations along Ridware Crescent, as outlined in this report, are recommended at this time.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Adopt the regulations, as identified in Appendix 1 of this report.
2. Amend the appropriate by-laws accordingly.

Financial Impact

The financial cost of installing these parking prohibition signs is approximately \$5,500.00. Funding for the signs is available in the Transportation Services 2009 Operating Budget, within Cost Centre TP0397.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Further to a request by Councillor Ron Moeser, on behalf of area residents who submitted a petition concerning the lack of parking regulations on both sides of Ridware Crescent, Transportation Services staff reviewed the current parking condition on this roadway. Specifically, the residents expressed concern about the frequency and duration of parked vehicles on Ridware Crescent. In addition residents had concerns about parking congestion near the curves restricting access for emergency vehicles, garbage trucks and snow plows.

COMMENTS

The following characteristics describe the subject portion of Ridware Crescent:

- Ridware Crescent is located in the Highland Creek neighbourhood east of Morningside Avenue, between Ellesmere Road and Highway 401.
- The land use on Ridware Crescent is single family residential, with adequate off-street parking facilities.
- Ridware Crescent is a two-lane road with an unposted 50 kilometres per hour speed limit. A sidewalk is located only on the west side of Ridware Crescent.
- Parking on Ridware Crescent is presently controlled by the default unposted 3-hour limit parking regulation.
- Ridware Crescent intersects Calthorpe Avenue. Calthorpe Avenue currently has a “No Parking, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday,” parking regulation on both sides.
- The proposed parking regulation on Ridware Crescent will be very similar to existing parking regulations on other nearby streets such as Conlins Road, Gladys Road and Bobmar Road.
- To supplement the proposed “ No Parking 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, Except Public Holidays”, restrictions we will also install 15 metre “ No Parking Anytime” corner restrictions along Ridware Crescent at both the north and south intersections with Calthorpe Avenue. The corner restrictions will help maintain clear sightlines for drivers and pedestrians in the area of the eastbound stop signs on Ridware Crescent at Calthorpe Avenue.

Traffic Operations staff does not anticipate a significant impact to on-street parking for local residents during weekday evening, weekend periods or public holidays following the adoption of the proposed new parking regulations.

Ridware Crescent is classified as a local roadway in the City's approved Road Classification System; as such, the authority to implement the proposed parking regulation has been delegated to Scarborough Community Council.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Appendix 1 – By-law Amendment (enact)
2. Location Plan (Proposed Parking Regulations, Ridware Crescent)

Appendix 1

“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
Ridware Crescent	Both Sides	Calthorpe Avenue (north intersection)	Calthorpe Avenue (south intersection)	7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, Except Public Holidays