



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

No Stopping Regulation Study – Progress Avenue west of Midland Avenue

Date:	August 12, 2011
To:	Scarborough Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District
Wards:	Ward 37 – Scarborough Centre
Reference Number:	P:\2011\Cluster B\TRA\Scarborough\sc1188 D11- 4408016 & D11- 4150578 Progress - no stopping

SUMMARY

This report responds to a concern about the lack of full time stopping regulations on both sides of Progress Avenue, west of Midland Avenue. Transportation staff has confirmed the need for this regulation in order to maintain clear and unobstructed sight-lines to the Pedestrian Traffic Control Signals recently installed on Progress Avenue, approximately 140 metres west of Midland Avenue.

It is recommended that Transportation Services install a No Stopping Anytime regulation on both sides of Progress Avenue from Midland Avenue to 202 metres west of Midland Avenue. This prohibition will ensure appropriate sight-lines to the traffic control signals for all approaching motorists and crossing pedestrians.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council rescind the stopping regulations, as identified in Appendix 1 of this report.
2. City Council enact the stopping regulations, as identified in Appendix 2 of this report.
3. City Council pass or amend the appropriate by-law(s) accordingly.

Financial Impact

The financial cost of installing these stopping prohibition signs is approximately \$1000.00. Funding for the signs is available in the Transportation Services 2011 Operating Budget, within Cost Centre TP0397.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

As a result of a request from Councillor Michael Thompson, Transportation Services staff reviewed the feasibility of providing appropriate sight-lines to the new traffic control signals at all times.

Numerous site observations revealed large trucks stopping or parked at or near the recently installed pedestrian traffic control signals on Progress Avenue, approximately 140 metres west of Midland Avenue. Trucks were observed queuing in the curb lanes and/or in the passing lanes on both sides of Progress Avenue obstructing the view of the traffic control signals for approaching motorists.

Based on these observations, installing No Stopping Anytime zones on both sides of Progress Avenue from Midland Avenue to 202 metres west of Midland Avenue is appropriate.

COMMENTS

Several characteristics describing the subject portion of Progress Avenue include:

- The land uses in the area are commercial/industrial.
- Currently a No Stopping regulation is in effect on both sides of Progress Avenue during the morning and afternoon peak traffic periods.
- A recycling facility abuts both sides of Progress Avenue west of Midland Avenue
- Trucks were observed queuing in the curb lanes and/or in the passing lanes on both sides of Progress Avenue, obstructing the view of the traffic control signals.
- Despite repeated assurances from the abutting recycling business that the appropriate corrective action will be implemented, the truck queuing or staging on Progress Avenue waiting to enter the recycling facility continues to occur.

Based on these observations, installing a No Stopping Anytime regulation on both sides of Progress Avenue from Midland Avenue to 202 metres west of Midland Avenue is appropriate.

Adherence to the proposed No Stopping Zones will maintain appropriate sight-lines to the traffic control signals for motorists and pedestrians at all times.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Appendix 1 – By-law Amendment (Rescind)
2. Appendix 2 – By-law Amendment (Enact)
3. Location Plan (Proposed No Stopping Prohibitions – Both Sides of Progress Avenue, west of Midland Avenue)

Appendix 1

“No Stopping”
Regulation to be Rescinded

(In Column 1) Highway	(In Column 2) Side	(In Column 3) From	To	(In Column 4) Times or Days
Progress Avenue	Both	Kennedy Road	Midland Avenue	7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday

Appendix 2

“No Stopping” Regulation to be Enacted

(In Column 1) Highway	(In Column 2) Side	(In Column 3) From	To	(In Column 4) Times or Days
Progress Avenue	Both	Midland Avenue	A point 202 metres west of Midland Avenue	Anytime
Progress Avenue	Both	A point 202 metres west of Midland Avenue	Kennedy Road	7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday