

Short-Term Parking – Herron Avenue

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To:	Scarborough Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District
Wards:	Ward 35 – Scarborough Southwest
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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 a concern regarding parking on Herron Avenue. A cemetery is located on the west side of Herron Avenue from St. Clair Avenue East to Nancy Avenue. Staff received a public request for parking to be permitted on the same side of the road as the cemetery to facilitate visits.

It is recommended that Transportation Services install a 60-Minute Permissive Parking regulation along a section of roadway on the west side of Herron Avenue. This will assist visitors to the cemetery by providing an area that they may stop for a short period to visit the cemetery, while deterring long term parking by other motorists.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services, recommends that Scarborough Community Council:

1. Rescind the parking regulation, as identified in Appendix 1 of this report.
2. Enact the parking for restricted periods and no parking regulations; as identified in Appendix 2 of this report.
3. Pass or amend the appropriate by-law(s) accordingly.

Financial Impact

The financial cost of installing these permissive parking signs is approximately \$200.00. The funding for these signs is available in the Transportation Services Division's 2013 Operating budget, within Cost Centre TP0397.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Further to a concern raised by Councillor Berardinetti through a public request about visitor parking at the cemetery, Transportation Services staff investigated parking in this area. The subject roadway has a long term parking history on the north section just south of St. Clair Avenue East. A "No Parking 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sunday to Friday" regulation currently exists along the entire cemetery frontage on the west side of Herron Avenue, relating to a historical need to keep the route to the cemetery open for processions that are no longer frequent.

Removing the parking regulations on the west side of Herron Avenue south of St. Clair Avenue East would escalate parking problems that are currently occurring on the east side. Allowing parking on both sides of the subject roadway would reduce the travel portion, preventing two-way traffic, and increase congestion.

Staff are recommending a "60-Minute Permissive Parking" regulation that provides a signed area adjacent to the cemetery. The signed area will be located south of the area with current parking issues, near the access gates to the cemetery. City of Toronto parking regulations are recommended and adopted by Council on an as needed basis.

COMMENTS

The following characteristics describe Herron Avenue:

- The land uses on the subject section of Herron Avenue (between St. Clair Avenue East and Nancy Avenue) are mixed. A cemetery is located on the west side, with single family residential properties located on the east side.
- It is a two-lane north-south road with an unposted regulatory speed limit of 50 kilometres per hour.
- Parking is permitted up to a maximum of three hours (not posted) on the east side of Herron Avenue. On the cemetery side (west side) there is currently a parking prohibition by time of day (No Parking 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sunday to Friday).

We anticipate that the proposed 60-minute permissive parking zone on the west side of Herron Avenue will allow patrons time to visit the cemetery; however, the regulation will discourage the long term parking issues that have occurred in the subdivision located on the east side of Herron Avenue.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Appendix 1 – By-law Amendment (rescind)
2. Appendix 2 – By-law Amendment (enact)
3. Location Plan (Short-Term Parking – Herron Avenue)

Appendix 1

“No Parking”
Regulation to be Rescinded

(From Column 1) Highway	(From Column 2) Side	(From Column 3) From	To	(From Column 4) Times or Days
Herron Avenue	West	St. Clair Avenue	Nancy Avenue	7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sunday to Friday

Appendix 2

“Parking for Restricted Periods”
Regulations to be Enacted

(In Column 1) Highway	(In Column 2) Side	(In Column 3) From	To	(In Column 4) Times or Days	(In Column 5) Maximum Period Permitted
Herron Avenue	West	A point 63 metres north of Nancy Avenue	A point 50.7 metres further north	Anytime	60 minutes

“No Parking”

(In Column 1) Highway	(In Column 2) Side	(In Column 3) From	To	(In Column 4) Times or Days
Herron Avenue	West	St. Clair Avenue East	A point 113.7 metres North of Nancy Avenue	7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sunday to Friday