

**No Standing Zone – Birchmount Road**

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| <b>Date:</b>             | October 31, 2013   |
| <b>To:</b>               | Scarborough Community Council  |
| <b>From:</b>             | Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District                          |
| <b>Wards:</b>            | Ward 39 – Scarborough-Agincourt  |
| <b>Reference Number:</b> | P:\2013\Cluster B\TRA\Scarborough\sc1378.docx<br>D13-5479608 Parking Regulations |

**SUMMARY**

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This report responds to a concern regarding vehicles parking on both sides of Birchmount Road north of Silver Springs Boulevard/L'Amoreaux Drive (near Scarborough Grace Hospital). Transportation Services staff recommends installing a No Standing Anytime regulation on both sides of Birchmount Road between Silver Springs Boulevard / L'Amoreaux Drive to McNicoll Avenue. The proposed No Standing Anytime regulation would only allow the dropping-off and picking-up of passengers along the subject section of roadway.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**Transportation Services recommends that:**

1. City Council rescind the parking regulations, as identified in Appendix 1 of this report.
2. City Council enact the parking 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 parking prohibition signs is approximately \$4,000.00. Funding for the signs is available in the Transportation Services 2013 Operating Budget, within Cost TP0397.

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

A concern was raised with Councillor Mike Del Grande by citizens travelling on Birchmount Road regarding vehicles that are parking on the east and west sides of Birchmount Road near #3030 Birchmount Road (north of Silver Springs Boulevard/L'Amoreaux Drive). The subject area currently has a "No Parking Anytime" regulation. The motorists that are parking in the prohibited area are using accessible parking permits.

Transportation Services staff, in consultation with Councillor Del Grande and Toronto Police Service Parking Enforcement East, recommend the installation of a No Standing Anytime prohibition on both sides of Birchmount Road to maintain two through lanes in both directions. Parking is available off street at #3030 Birchmount Road (Scarborough Grace Hospital).

## **COMMENTS**

Key characteristics describing the subject section of Birchmount Road include:

- This is a four-lane major arterial roadway in the area of #3030 Birchmount Road.
- Birchmount Road is approximately 15 metres wide.
- The land uses on this section of Birchmount Road are mixed. A church and hospital are located on the west side. On the east side there is parkland and an Emergency Medical Services station.
- When vehicles are parked on either side of Birchmount Road, a through lane is removed. The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile vehicle speeds are high in this area.
- A pedestrian refuge island (PRI) and transit stops are located at the hospital.

We anticipate that the proposed No Standing Anytime zone on both the east and west sides of the subject section of Birchmount Road will enhance safety while maintaining traffic flow, reduce merging, and facilitate road maintenance activities. A "No Standing" regulation prohibits vehicles from stopping, except for the purpose of and while actually engaged in receiving or discharging passengers.

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**SIGNATURE**

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**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Appendix 1 - By-law Amendment (Rescind)
2. Appendix 2 – By-law Amendment (Enact)
3. Location Plan (No Standing Zone – Birchmount Road)

## Appendix 1

### “No Parking” Regulation to be Rescinded

| (From<br>Column 1<br>Highway) | (From<br>Column 2<br>Side) | From  | (From<br>Column 3<br>To) | (From<br>Column 4<br>Times or Days) |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Birchmount<br>Road            | Both                       | L'Amoreaux<br>Drive/Silver<br>Springs Blvd. | Steeles<br>Avenue        | Anytime                             |

## Appendix 2

### “No Standing” Regulations to be Enacted

| (In<br>Column 1<br>Highway) | (In<br>Column 2<br>Side) | From  | (In<br>Column 3<br>To) | (In<br>Column 4<br>Times or Days) |
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| Birchmount<br>Road          | Both                     | L'Amoreaux<br>Drive/Silver<br>Springs Boulevard | McNicoll<br>Avenue     | Anytime                           |

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Birchmount<br>Road          | Both                     | McNicoll<br>Avenue | Steeles<br>Avenue East | Anytime                           |