No Stopping Zone Review – Gaitwin Place

Date: August 14, 2012
To: Scarborough Community Council
From: Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District
Wards: Ward 38 – Scarborough Centre
Reference Number: P:\2012\Cluster B\TRA\Scarborough\sc1273
D12-4712375 Gaitwin no stopping

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which the Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Further to a petition from residents of Gaitwin Place, a school arrival and dismissal time parking study was conducted. Transportation Services staff observations have verified the residents’ concerns that parents/guardians park their vehicles on both sides of Gaitwin Place. Vehicles parked in this manner restrict access/egress to and from private driveways, restrict sightlines, and impede the safe and efficient flow of two-way traffic on Gaitwin Place. Staff recommend extending the current No Stopping Zones.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Scarborough Community Council:

1. Rescind the No Stopping regulations, as identified in Appendix 1 of this report.
2. Enact the No Stopping 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 the subject recommended No Stopping regulations is approximately $1,250.00. The funding for the parking regulation signage is available in the Transportation Services 2012 Operating Budget, within Cost Centre TP0397.

ISSUE BACKGROUND
Currently, there is a 15 metre No Stopping Zone on both sides of Gaitwin Place, north from Brimorton Drive. A petition was received from the residents of Gaitwin Place requesting that the No Stopping zone be extended approximately 40 metres north of Brimorton Drive on both sides of Gaitwin Place from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday (except July, August and Public Holidays).

Transportation Services staff have verified the concerns that when vehicles are parked on both sides of Gaitwin Place during times of student pick-up and drop-off, they create a potentially dangerous situation for motorists and pedestrians.

COMMENTS
The following characteristics describe Gaitwin Place:

- Gaitwin Place is a local road located north of Brimorton Drive and east of Markham Road within the Woburn neighbourhood.
- The land use of this neighbourhood is primarily single family residential.
- Gaitwin Place has a pavement width of approximately 8.5 metres.
- Sidewalks are located on both sides of Gaitwin Place.
- Churchill Heights Public School is located on the south side of Brimorton Drive. A Pedestrian Crossover is located west side of Gaitwin Place. The school side (south side) is posted with 30 minute permissive parking from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.
- When vehicles are parked on both sides of Gaitwin Place, two-way traffic cannot be safely maintained.

We anticipate that the extended No Stopping Zone will enhance safety for pedestrians and motorists. Parents picking-up and dropping-off students can use the 30 minute short duration School Side Permissive Parking Zone area. The recommended extended no stopping restriction on both sides of Gaitwin Place should maintain clear sightlines, reduce congestion, and maintain two-way traffic flow.
The no stopping regulations to be enacted will include a temporal exemption during July, August and Public Holidays. This is intended to minimize the parking impacts to the neighbourhood during the summer months when school is not in session.

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ATTACHMENTS
1. Appendix 1 – By-law Amendment (Rescind)
2. Appendix 2 – By-law Amendment (enact)
3. Location Plan (No Stopping Zone Review – Gaitwin Place)
Appendix 1

“No Stopping”
Regulation to be Rescind

(In Column 1)    (In Column 2)    (In Column 3)    (In Column 4)
Gaitwin Place    Both              Brimorton Drive and a point 15 metres northeast    Anytime
Appendix 2

“No Stopping”
Regulation to be Enacted

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