No Standing Regulation Study – Valparaiso Avenue

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To: Scarborough Community Council
From: Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District
Wards: Ward 38 – Scarborough Centre
Reference Number: P\2012\Cluster B\TRA\Scarborough\sc1287 D12-4653781, D12-4906700 Valparaiso Avenue No Standing

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 staff report is about issues caused by vehicles parking on both sides of Valparaiso Avenue and the corner of Valparaiso Avenue and Hollyhedge Drive.

Excessive parking activity restricts the safe and efficient flow of north/southbound traffic and creates a sight obstruction for residents entering and exiting driveways on Valparaiso Avenue.

The proposed parking regulations in this report will improve traffic safety along Valparaiso Avenue and its intersection with Hollyhedge Drive.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Scarborough Community Council:

1. Rescind the no parking regulations, as identified in Appendix 1 of this report.
2. Enact the no standing 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 "No Standing" regulation signs is approximately $1,500.00. Funding for the signs is available in the Transportation Services 2012 Operating Budget, within Cost Centre TP0397.

ISSUE BACKGROUND
As a result of a request from area residents, Transportation Services staff reviewed this location to determine the feasibility of installing a “No Standing” regulation on the west side of Valparaiso Avenue, from Lawrence Avenue East to Hollyhedge Drive. Residents were also concerned with vehicles parked at the corner of Valparaiso Avenue and Hollyhedge Drive.

Currently, both sides of Valparaiso Avenue from Lawrence Avenue East to Hollyhedge Drive are signed with No Parking Anytime regulations. At the intersection of Valparaiso Avenue and Hollyhedge Drive, there are some signed temporal No Parking regulations along with 15 metre No Parking Anytime corner restrictions.

Transportation Services staff conducted several site visits during the weekday and observed an average of 8 vehicles parked on these roads with accessible person parking permits. This activity restricts the safe and efficient flow of two way traffic on Valparaiso Avenue and within the intersection of Hollyhedge Drive and Valparaiso Avenue.

COMMENTS
The following characteristics describe Valparaiso Avenue:

- Valparaiso Avenue is located west of McCowan Road and South of Lawrence Avenue East in the Bendale Neighbourhood.
- Valparaiso Avenue is two-lane north/south local road with unposted 50 km/h speed limits. The Scarborough General Hospital is located at the north/west corner of McCowan Road and Lawrence Avenue East.
- Valparaiso Avenue has a pavement width of approximately 8.5 metres.
- The land use of this neighbourhood is primarily single family residential with sidewalks on both sides of the road.
- When vehicles are parked on both sides of Valparaiso Avenue, two-way traffic cannot be safely maintained.

The proposed No Standing Anytime regulations on the west side of Valparaiso Avenue would enable motorists to continue to drop-off and pick-up passengers, but would prevent parking of any kind. Vehicles with Accessible Parking Permits would still be able to park on the east side of Valparaiso Avenue, from Lawrence Avenue East to Hollyhedge Drive.
The proposed corner No Standing prohibition on all sides of Hollyhedge Drive at Valparaiso Avenue would improve intersection safety by preventing parking of any kind at the corners.

The recommended No Standing restrictions on the west side of Valparaiso Avenue and the corners of Valparaiso Avenue and Hollyhedge Drive should maintain clear sightlines, reduce congestion, maintain two-way traffic flow, and improve intersection safety.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Appendix 1 – By-law Amendment (rescind)
2. Appendix 2 – By-law Amendment (enact)
3. Location Plan (No Standing Regulation Study - Valparaiso Avenue)
Appendix 1

“No Parking”
Regulations to be Rescinded

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