

City Council

Notice of Motion

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Request for staff report on driveway widening policies for large lots in Scarborough - by Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker, seconded by Councillor Michelle Berardinetti

** Notice of this Motion has been given.
* This Motion is subject to referral to the Planning and Growth Management Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker, seconded by Councillor Michelle Berardinetti, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning and the Chief Building Official and Executive Director, City Building, in consultation with the General Manager, Transportation Services to report to the October 22, 2013 Planning and Growth Management Committee meeting on the feasibility of allowing owners of large lots (lots greater than 50 feet wide) permission to widen driveways beyond the current standard allowed in the current by-law similar to the by-law already in place in North York.

Summary

The current Scarborough parking by-law restricts all properties with a single car garage to a driveway width of a maximum 3 metres, regardless of lot size.

Over the last five decades numerous Scarborough property owners of large 80 and 100 foot lots have widened their driveways to a width greater than 3 metres and have had no complaints or issues for several decades. Some families have widened their driveways slightly larger than three metres in order to allow seniors and/or people with walkers to more comfortably exit their car or van and walk up the driveway to their homes while others have made their driveways slightly larger so that two cars can park side by side.

While the North York driveway by-law has provisions to recognize that larger lots can have larger width driveways, the Scarborough by-law has no such provision.

Large lot owners in Scarborough who want a similar allowance that is permitted in North York must pay a \$1,400 Committee of Adjustment fee simply to widen their driveways by one or

two metres or to recognize a slight driveway widening that has existed for decades. There is no guarantee that the Committee of Adjustment will say yes to any application, meaning residents might spend \$1,400 and be turned down by the Committee of Adjustment.

(Submitted to City Council on July 16 and 17, 2013 as MM37.19)

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM37.19