

City Council

Notice of Motion

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Direction to permit the re-paving of driveways in the Scarborough District to their existing width and configuration - by Councillor Paul Ainslie, 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 Paul Ainslie, seconded by Councillor Michelle Berardinetti, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services and all City Divisions to permit the re-paving of existing driveways, 6.0m in width or less to accommodate side by side vehicle parking, serving single-family residential dwellings in the Scarborough District, to the existing widths and configurations on the residential property and within the boulevard portion of the public road right-of-way including any street rehabilitation undertaken by the City or its contractors.

Summary

In recent years, staff have enforced the restrictions on the widening of driveways and the width and configuration of driveway entrances (i.e. curb cuts) as specified in the interpretation of the applicable by-laws. The resulting restrictions and requirements are viewed by residents to be unfair, unreasonable or heavy-handed. Residents simply want to re-pave their existing driveways that have fallen into a state of disrepair but are being required to narrow their driveways or reconfigure their driveway accesses as part of the re-paving, at their cost. This also occurs when City staff or their contractors undertake road rehabilitation. These driveways have existed for decades without any problems or complaints from neighbours.

It is recommended that this exemption be applied only to driveways serving single-family residential dwellings. It would not apply to driveways serving multi-unit residential developments or non-residential uses.

Background Information (City Council)

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