

Parking Prohibition Review – Grace Street

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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 recommends the removal of the No Parking Anytime regulation on the north side of Grace Street between Bellamy Road North and Cedar Brae Boulevard to accommodate short term parking at this location in this residential area.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Scarborough Community Council:

1. Rescind the parking prohibition in effect at all times on both sides of Grace Street, from Bellamy Road North to Cedar Brae Boulevard.
2. Prohibit parking at all times on the south side of Grace Street, from Bellamy Road North to Cedar Brae Boulevard.

Financial Impact

There is no financial cost associated with the recommendations of this report since its adoption would involve only the removal of existing No Parking Anytime signs.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

As a result of a request from Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker in response to a petition submitted by area residents, Transportation Services staff reviewed Grace Street between Bellamy Road North and Cedar Brae Boulevard to determine the feasibility of accommodating short term parking on this road section.

Currently, parking is prohibited at anytime on both sides of Grace Street between Bellamy Road North and Cedar Brae Boulevard. Single family residential dwellings are located on

the north side and a multi-level residential building is located on the south side. The current parking regulations on this road section were adopted by the former Borough of Scarborough in 1970 in response to the concerns of area residents at that time with excessive on-street parking by the tenants and visitors of the multi-level residential building.

COMMENTS

The following characteristics describe Grace Street and the surrounding area:

- Grace Street is located north of Eglinton Avenue East and west of Bellamy Road North.
- Grace Street is a two-lane local road with a pavement width of approximately 8.5 metres.
- The land use on Grace Street consists predominantly of single family residential dwellings. There is multi-level residential building located on the south side of Grace Street between Bellamy Road North and Cedar Brae Boulevard.
- Sidewalks are located on at least one side of Grace Street.

Transportation Services staff conducted a parking review during various times on a typical weekday. The results of the review confirmed that for the majority of the day, there were generally no vehicles parked on either side of Grace Street between Bellamy Road North and Cedar Brae Boulevard. During the afternoon time period, one vehicle was parked illegally on the north side of Grace Street. The parked vehicle did not significantly impact traffic operations on the road.

Removing the existing No Parking Anytime regulation on the north side of Grace Street between Bellamy Road North and Cedar Brae Boulevard is feasible and will accommodate short term parking in this residential area. When the parking prohibition on the north side is removed, parking will be allowed for a maximum period of 3 hours (unsigned). It is recommended to keep the No Parking Anytime regulation on the south side of this road section in order to maintain clear sightlines for motorists and pedestrians, minimize congestion, and maintain two-way traffic flow.

It should be noted that by removing this parking prohibition all residents or visitors of nearby residential dwellings and the multi-level residential building would be permitted to park on this section of road. However, Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 950 prohibits the parking of vehicles immediately next to driveways because of the potential sightline obstructions for motorists exiting these driveways in viewing oncoming traffic.

Residential long-term parking permit is not available on Grace Street. Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 925 indicates that this street is in the exclusion area. In addition, Grace Street consists of single family residential dwellings with at least a single car garage and one or two parking spaces in each driveway. There is adequate off-street parking available for the residents of this street.

The proposed removal of the No Parking Anytime regulation on the north side of Grace Street between Bellamy Road North and Cedar Brae Boulevard will accommodate short term parking on this street. Keeping the No Parking Anytime regulation on the south side

of this road section is anticipated to maintain clear sightlines for motorists and pedestrians, reduce congestion, and maintain two-way traffic flow.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Location Plan (Parking Prohibition Review – Grace Street)