

# STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

# **Stopping Prohibitions – Milner Avenue**

Date:	August 17, 2015
То:	Scarborough Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District
Wards:	Ward 42 – Scarborough – Rouge River
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## SUMMARY

This staff report recommends the adoption of a bylaw to enable No Stopping Anytime zones on the north and south sides of Milner Avenue from Markham Road westerly to 120 metres west of Scunthorpe Road, and the rescinding of the existing parking regulations in this area.

This report responds to a need to install more restrictive No Stopping regulations along both sides of Milner Avenue in the area west of Markham Road. Vehicles stopped or parked along this portion of Milner Avenue create difficulties for large transport trucks to maneuver as they travel between the area industrial complexes to/from nearby Highway 401. By approving the No Stopping prohibitions in this area, motorists' sight lines will be improved, turning movements to/from Markham Road will be less difficult, traffic flow and access to abutting properties will be improved, and it will be easier for the Toronto Police Service to conduct parking enforcement.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

#### **Transportation Services recommends that:**

- 1. City Council rescind the parking prohibition in effect from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. from Nov.1 of one year to Apr. 30 of the next following year on both sides of Milner Avenue, from McCowan Road to Markham Road.
- 2. City Council rescind the parking prohibition in effect at all times on the north side of Milner Avenue, from Markham Road to a point 70 metres southwest of Scunthorpe Road.

- 3. City Council rescind the parking prohibition in effect at all times on the south side of Milner Avenue, from a point 75 metres west of Markham Road to a point 135.5 metres further west.
- 4. City Council rescind the parking prohibition in effect from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. on the south side of Milner Avenue, from a point 43 metres west of Markham Road to a point 32 metres further west.
- 5. City Council rescind the parking prohibition in effect at all times on the south side of Milner Avenue, from a point 30 metres east of Scunthorpe Road to a point 70 metres southwest of Scunthorpe Road.
- 6. City Council rescind the parking restriction of a maximum period of 30 minutes of parking in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the south side of Milner Avenue, from a point 43 metres west of Markham Road to a point 32 metres further west.
- 7. City Council prohibit stopping at all times on both sides of Milner Avenue, from Markham Road to a point 120 metres west of Scunthorpe Road.
- 8. City Council prohibit parking on both sides of Milner Avenue from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. from Nov.1 of one year to Apr. 30 of the next following year, from McCowan Road to a point 120 metres west of Scunthorpe Road.

### **Financial Impact**

The financial cost of installing the recommended stopping prohibitions on Milner Avenue is approximately \$1,950.00. The funds for the required signs are available in the Transportation Services 2015 Operating Budget, within Cost Centre TP0397.

### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

As a result of operational difficulties observed on Milner Avenue, Transportation Services staff reviewed the feasibility of installing more restrictive No Stopping Anytime regulations on the north side of Milner Avenue, from Markham Road to a point 120 metres west of Scunthorpe Road, to replace the current No Parking Anytime regulations. In addition, staff reviewed the feasibility of installing No Stopping Anytime regulations, on the south side of Milner Avenue from Markham Road to a point 120 metres west of Scunthorpe Road, to replace the existing parking regulations.

## COMMENTS

The following characteristics describe Milner Avenue west of Markham Road:

- The regulatory speed limit on Milner Avenue is 50 km/h. Sidewalks are located on both sides of Milner Avenue.
- The area is comprised of office buildings, industrial units, a church and residential use.
- No Standing regulations exist at the transit stops under the general provisions of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 950.
- A Parking for Restricted Periods regulation, allowing a maximum of 30 minutes of parking from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. exists on the south side of Milner Avenue between a point 43 metres west of Markham Road and a point 32 metres further west. This regulation is no longer required since the business that required the regulation is now closed and has been demolished.
- A Pedestrian Crossover that exists on Milner Avenue at Scunthorpe Road is tentatively scheduled to be replaced by a traffic control signal in the autumn of 2015.

Staff have observed vehicles parked within the existing No Parking Anytime restricted area. Vehicles parked in this area compromise motorist sight lines particularly for vehicles exiting driveways. Parked vehicles can also make it difficult for large transport trucks to maneuver around the parked vehicles as they travel between the area industrial complexes to/from nearby Highway 401. Motorists parking in the existing No Parking zone are also reducing the travelled width of the road, forcing motorists to frequently manoeuvre around the parked vehicles on this section of road. By approving the No Stopping zone in this area, motorists' sight lines will be improved, turning movements to/from Markham Road will be less difficult, traffic flow and access to abutting properties will be improved, and it will be easier for Toronto Police Service to conduct parking enforcement and improve parking compliance.

It is anticipated that the proposed No Stopping Zone on the north and south sides of Milner Avenue will enhance motorist safety and maintain traffic flow. Approximately eight parking spaces will be lost along Milner Avenue if the No Stopping regulations are implemented, however, off street parking is available in the adjacent paid parking lots.

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## ATTACHMENTS

1. Location Plan (Stopping Prohibitions – Milner Avenue)