

Winter Standing Prohibitions – Kawneer Terrace Area

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SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that the Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

This report recommends the adoption of a by-law to prohibit standing on both sides of Kawneer Terrace, De Jong Street, and Zezel Way during the winter periods from December 1 to April 15. One side of these streets will have no standing throughout the day, while the other will have no standing from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. daily, in order to provide a nightly time window for snow clearing operations, and a snow storage area on one side of these streets. The other side of the streets will have the default 3-hour parking rules in effect to provide short-term parking for this community from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. daily. There is currently unposted 3-hour parking along these streets that causes operational issues during the winter due to the narrow pavement widths and sidewalks on both sides of these streets situated immediately adjacent to the roadway.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Scarborough Community Council:

1. Prohibit standing at all times from Dec. 1 of one year to Apr. 15 of the next following year, inclusive, on the north side of Kawneer Terrace, from Great West Drive to Zezel Way.
2. Prohibit standing from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m., from Dec. 1 of one year to Apr. 15 of the next following year, inclusive, on the south side of Kawneer Terrace, from Great West Drive to Zezel Way.

3. Prohibit standing at all times from Dec. 1 of one year to Apr. 15 of the next following year, inclusive, on the north side of De Jong Street, from Great West Drive to Zezel Way.
4. Prohibit standing from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. from Dec. 1 of one year to Apr. 15 of the next following year, inclusive, on the south side of De Jong Street, from Great West Drive to Zezel Way.
5. Prohibit standing at all times from Dec. 1 of one year to Apr. 15 of the next following year, inclusive, on the west side of Zezel Way, from Ellesmere Road to the south end of Zezel Way.
6. Prohibit standing, from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. from Dec. 1 of one year to Apr. 15 of the next following year, inclusive, on the east side of Zezel Way, from Ellesmere Road to the south end of Zezel Way.

Financial Impact

The cost of installing the No Standing signs is approximately \$5,000. These funds are available in the Transportation Services 2015 Operating Budget, within cost centre TP0397. However, the cost of clearing snow after snow events from the No Standing zones where parking will still be allowed from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. is expected to cost approximately \$9,500 per snow event.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

As a result of a request from Councillor Thompson and in response to concerns expressed by area residents at a public meeting held in September of 2015 by the Councillor, staff reviewed the feasibility of prohibiting parking on the streets in the Kawneer Terrace area to mitigate winter snow difficulties. Residents are concerned about the ability to maintain parking while allowing for traffic flow through effective snow clearing. In the winter of 2014/15, there were challenges with the clearing of snow from these streets with the current unposted 3-hour parking on both sides of these streets.

COMMENTS

The following characteristics describe the streets in the Kawneer Terrace area:

- Kawneer Terrace, De Jong Street, and Zezel Way are located south of Ellesmere Road, west of Midland Avenue, and east of the GO Railway – Stouffville Line.
- All of these streets are two-lane local roads with an unposted default speed limit of 50 km/hr.
- There are monolithic sidewalks (i.e. sidewalks located immediately adjacent to the curbs) on both sides of these 8.0 metre wide streets.
- The land use in the area is single family residential.

With the design of the streets in this community (narrow pavements, monolithic sidewalks, no boulevards) and limited on-site parking for residents, it is a challenge to

provide effective winter snow-clearing services while maintaining safe traffic flow and on-street parking for residents and visitors. The proposed standing regulations are a collaborative solution to try to balance these needs and satisfy these demands to the greatest extent possible. They will allow snow to be cleared, but stored on the road as snow cannot be pushed to the side as they would block the sidewalks and inhibit pedestrian movements. With such snow clearing and short-term parking, traffic can still safely use these streets.

It should be noted that No Parking signs will still be provided within a distance of up to 15.0 metres of any Canada Post mailbox on the side of the highway on which the mailbox is located, as per the general provisions of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 950 to allow residents to pick-up or drop-off mail.

It should also be noted that notwithstanding the current and proposed 3-hour short-term parking on all of these streets, longer term parking solutions are being pursued with the Toronto Parking Authority and the possible issuance of permits to area residents for the use of the public parking lot at the Ellesmere RT Station under the Ellesmere Road overpass. Other off-street parking alternatives are also being investigated to determine the feasibility and costs.

The adoption of the bylaw recommended in this report will enable parking enforcement when required, enhance safe and convenient access, and provide for snow clearing operations in the winter season.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Location Map (Winter Standing Prohibitions – Kawneer Terrace Area)