



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED**

**Winter Parking Regulation Pilot – Silver Springs  
Boulevard Area**

<b>Date:</b>	December 2, 2015
<b>To:</b>	Scarborough Community Council
<b>From:</b>	Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 39 – Scarborough Agincourt
<b>Reference Number:</b>	P:\2016\Cluster B\TRA\Scarborough\sc1605.docx D15-7285001 Silver Springs Winter Parking Pilot

**SUMMARY**

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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 parking on both sides of the streets in the Silver Springs Boulevard Area during the winter periods from December 1 to April 15. Both sides of these streets will have no parking from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. daily, in order to provide the opportunity to conduct efficient snow clearing operations overnight. This is a pilot study to determine the operational impacts of such an approach prior to any larger deployment of such a strategy.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**Transportation Services recommends that Scarborough Community Council:**

1. Prohibit parking 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 west side of Silver Springs Boulevard, from McNicoll Avenue to Rakewood Crescent (north intersection).
2. Prohibit parking 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 north side of Silver Springs Boulevard, from a point 136.4 metres west of a point opposite the west limit of Wayside Avenue to Birchmount Road.

3. Prohibit parking 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 and east side of Silver Springs Boulevard, from a point 140 metres west of Wayside Avenue to McNicoll Avenue.
4. Prohibit parking 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 both sides of Perthshire Street, from Silver Springs Boulevard to Kennedy Road.
5. Prohibit parking 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 both sides of Fort Dearborn Drive (west leg), from Perthshire Street to the southeast end of Fort Dearborn Drive (west leg).
6. Prohibit parking 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 both sides of Fort Dearborn Drive (east leg), from Perthshire Street to the south end of Fort Dearborn Drive (east leg).
7. Prohibit parking 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 both sides of Royal Albert Crescent (west leg), from Fort Dearborn Drive (west leg) to the east end of Royal Albert Crescent (west leg).
8. Prohibit parking 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 both sides of Royal Albert Crescent (east leg), from Perthshire Street to the south end of Royal Albert Crescent (east leg).
9. Prohibit parking 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 both sides of Revlis Crescent, from Silver Springs Boulevard (north intersection) to Silver Springs Boulevard (south intersection).
10. Prohibit parking 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 both sides of Dancy Avenue, from Silver Springs Boulevard to Kennedy Road.
11. Prohibit parking 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 both sides of Kerbar Road, from Dancy Avenue to Puma Drive (south intersection).
12. Prohibit parking 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 both sides of Puma Drive, from Kerbar Road (north intersection) to Wayside Avenue.
13. Prohibit parking 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 both sides of Wayside Avenue, from a point 117 metres north of Finch Avenue East to Silver Springs Boulevard.

14. Prohibit parking 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 both sides of Rakewood Crescent, from Silver Springs Boulevard (north intersection) to Silver Springs Boulevard (south intersection).
15. Request the Director, Transportation Services to report back to the Scarborough Community Council in September of 2016 on the efficiency and effectiveness of the pilot and on any further scope for expansion of the program in Ward 39.

### **Financial Impact**

The cost of installing the parking prohibition signs is approximately \$10,000. These funds have been requested in the Transportation Services 2016 Operating Budget, within cost centre TP0397.

### **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

As a result of a request from Councillor Karygiannis to consider ways to improve the efficiency of winter maintenance operations in his ward, staff have reviewed the feasibility of a winter parking prohibition pilot in a suitable neighbourhood in Ward 39. In addition, at its meeting of February 18, 2015, Scarborough Community Council requested the Director of Transportation Services, Scarborough District, to report to the Scarborough Community Council on the feasibility of the prohibition of parking on streets in Scarborough on snow fall and snow removal days:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.SC4.24>

### **COMMENTS**

In order to improve the efficiency of winter maintenance operations by introducing parking prohibitions on an area-wide basis, by-laws would have to be enacted and the appropriate regulatory signs installed on each street affected by the prohibition. This could result in significant costs and staff resources to install all the required signs. Alternatively, prohibitions can be implemented for an entire area by posting the appropriate signs on all streets entering the affected area, rather than on all streets within the area. As a result, staff undertook to find an enclosed neighbourhood in Ward 39 for the pilot project with minimal entry points in order to minimize signage and implementation costs.

The residential area enclosed by McNicoll Avenue, Kennedy Road, Finch Avenue East, and Birchmount Road was deemed to be suitable as the streets within this arterial block contain only residential areas and is relatively self-contained, with only five street accesses from the arterial network. The following is the list of streets that will have the pilot prohibitions, most of which currently have the default unposted 3-hour parking in effect (Silver Springs Boulevard and Wayside Avenue have non-conflicting daytime parking and stopping regulations):

- Silver Springs Boulevard
- Perthshire Street
- Fort Dearborn Drive (two legs)
- Royal Albert Crescent (two legs)
- Revlis Crescent
- Dancy Avenue
- Kerbar Road
- Puma Drive
- Wayside Avenue
- Rakewood Crescent

The following characteristics describe these streets:

- Silver Springs Boulevard, Dancy Avenue, and Wayside Avenue are Collector Streets, while the balance are Local Streets in the Road Classification System.
- All of these streets are two-lane roads with an unposted default speed limit of 50 km/hr, except Silver Springs Boulevard which has a 40 km/h speed limit.
- There are sidewalks located on at least one side of all of these streets and these streets have pavement widths of 8.5 metres.
- The land use in the area is mainly single family residential, with high density residential along the southwest end of Silver Springs Boulevard.

The signs for these prohibitions will be installed at the entry points of all of these streets, requiring approximately 18 signs, that will indicate "No Parking 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. December 1<sup>st</sup> to April 15<sup>th</sup>".

The goal of the pilot will be to see if there are any snow clearing benefits or parking issues caused by this approach over the winter of 2015/2016, and for the results to be measurable in order to assess the appropriateness and value of any further deployment on a larger scale.

Regarding the February 18, 2015 Scarborough Community Council resolution, a general by-law to prohibit parking on streets in Scarborough on snow fall or snow removal days would be a non-delegated matter that could have City-wide implications; such matters would be governed under the general provisions of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 950 and require the submission of a report to the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee for consideration by City Council.

The adoption of the regulations recommended in this report will enable parking enforcement when required, enhance safe and convenient access, and help facilitate more efficient snow clearing operations in the winter season.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Location Map (Winter Parking Restriction Pilot – Silver Springs Boulevard Area)