

Parking Prohibition - Gwendolen Crescent

Date: September 4, 2019

To: North York Community Council

From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 18 - Willowdale

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision, provided that it is not amended so that it varies with City Policy or by-laws.

Transportation Services is requesting approval to prohibit parking at all times on the east side of Gwendolen Crescent, near the driveway access of a property located at No. 17 Gwendolen Crescent. This is in response to concerns regarding vehicles parking near the driveway, causing sightline issues when motorists are exiting the driveway.

This report also identifies and rectifies a conflicting parking by-law on Gwendolen Crescent by introducing a "house-keeping" by-law amendment.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that North York Community Council:

1. Prohibit parking at all times, on the east side of Gwendolen Crescent, between a point 5.5 metres north of the driveway of No.17 Gwendolen Crescent and a point 5.5 metres south of the driveway of No.17 Gwendolen Crescent.
2. Prohibit parking at all times, on both sides of Gwendolen Crescent, between Gwendolen Avenue and the south end.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the parking amendments on Gwendolen Crescent are included within the Transportation Services 2019 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

North York Community Council, at its meeting on October 17, 2013 adopted Item NY27.10, which approved a parking prohibition at all times, from April 1 to October 31, on the west side of Gwendolen Crescent, between Gwendolen Avenue and Stuart Avenue.

The Community Council decision can be found at:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2013.NY27.10>

COMMENTS

Transportation Services received a request from Councillor Filion, on behalf of a resident, requesting that parking be prohibited at all times on the east side of Gwendolen Crescent near a driveway access. Parking in this area, by the patrons of the Gwendolen Park Tennis Club, causes sightline issues for motorists attempting to exit the driveway.

Gwendolen Crescent is an 8.5 metre wide, two-way local street that runs south from Johnston Avenue and curves east to end just south of Gwendolen Avenue. It has a posted speed limit of 40 km/h. There are no sidewalks located on either side of the street. Heavy vehicles are prohibited at all times and there is no TTC services provided on Gwendolen Crescent.

The land use on Gwendolen Crescent is primarily residential. Cameron Public School is located at the south-east corner of Gwendolen Crescent and Cameron Avenue. Gwendolen Park Tennis Court is located at the south end of the Gwendolen Crescent and does not have an on-site parking facility to accommodate patrons.

Currently, the by-lawed parking regulations on Gwendolen Crescent, between Stuart Avenue and the south end, are as follows:

East side

- Parking is permitted for a maximum period of three hours (unsigned, statutory).

West side

- Parking is prohibited at all times between April 1 and October 31, between Gwendolen Avenue and Stuart Avenue; and
- Parking is permitted for a maximum period of three hours (unsigned, statutory), between Gwendolen Avenue and the south end.

Collision statistics provided by the Toronto Police Service for the three-year period ending June 30, 2019 revealed one reported collision on Gwendolen Crescent. The collision involved a vehicle parked on Gwendolen Crescent, south of Cameron Avenue, which was struck by northbound vehicle.

The complaint is that the patrons of the Gwendolen Park Tennis Club park on both sides of the driveway, which obstructs the sightlines when exiting the driveway. Furthermore, the complaint is that vehicles are blocking his driveway and often using the driveway to turn their vehicles around.

Staff observation on August 19, 2019 revealed that the patrons of the Gwendolen Park Tennis Club are parking on the east side of Gwendolen Crescent, between Stuart Avenue and Gwendolen Avenue. However, staff did not find any vehicles parked closely on either sides of the subject driveway.

Notwithstanding, it is recommended that parking be prohibited at all times on the east side of Gwendolen Crescent, between a point 5.5 metres north of the driveway of No.17 Gwendolen Crescent and a point 5.5 metres south of the driveway. This prohibition will ensure that patrons cannot legally park in the vicinity of the driveway access. The proposed amendments will result in the loss of approximately two on-street parking spaces and will not adversely impact traffic operations on the street.

The staff review also disclosed discrepancies between the posted and by-lawed signage on both sides of Gwendolen Crescent, between Gwendolen Avenue and the south end. The entire length of both sides of Gwendolen Crescent has posted signage indicating that parking is prohibited at all times. This discrepancy will be resolved with the approval of Recommendation No. 2 of this report.

The Ward Councillor is aware of the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - Parking Prohibition - Gwendolen Crescent

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