

School Zone Parking Regulations Review – Antrim Crescent

Date: November 29, 2019
To: Scarborough Community Council
From: Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Wards: Ward 21 - Scarborough Centre

SUMMARY

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

In response to a request received from Councillor Thompson and Glamorgan Junior Public School to reduce traffic congestion and provide safe access to school children walking on Antrim Crescent, staff reviewed parking regulations on Antrim Crescent. Staff recommend prohibiting parking at all times on both sides of the cul-de-sac at the west end of the street, and reducing the maximum 30-minute parking limit in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., daily, to a maximum period of 10 minutes on the south side of Antrim Crescent, from a point 82 metres west of Dundalk Drive to the south limit of the cul-de-sac.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Acting Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services, recommends that:

1. Scarborough Community Council rescind the maximum 30-minute parking limit in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on both sides of Antrim Crescent between the north limit of the cul-de-sac and south limit of the cul-de-sac at the west end of Antrim Crescent.
2. Scarborough Community Council amend the maximum 30-minute parking limit in effect from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., daily on the south side of Antrim Crescent, between a point 82 metres northwest of Dundalk Drive and the south limit of the cul-de-sac at the west end of Antrim Crescent, to be in effect for a maximum period of 10 minutes.

3. Scarborough Community Council prohibit parking at all times on of both sides of the cul-de-sac at the west end of Antrim Crescent, between the north limit of the cul-de-sac and south limit of the cul-de-sac.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost of installing the required parking signs on Antrim Crescent is approximately \$4,000.00. The funding for these signs is available in the Transportation Services Division's 2020 Interim Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

As a result of a request received from the Glamorgan Junior Public School Principal through Councillor Thompson' office, Transportation Services staff reviewed parking regulations on Antrim Crescent to determine if there is a need for more stringent regulations to accommodate pick-up and drop-off activity.

The following characteristics describe Antrim Crescent:

- Antrim Crescent is a two-way east/west collector road with a posted speed limit of 40 km/h and a daily traffic volume of approximately 2,500 vehicles per day.
- There are municipal sidewalks on both sides of this street and the pavement width is approximately 8.5 metres.
- Glamorgan Park and Glamorgan Junior Public School are located at the end of Antrim Crescent, approximately 450 metres west of Kennedy Road.
- The land uses on this street are primarily high-density residential units.
- Parking is permitted for a maximum period of 30 minutes from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, around the perimeter of the cul-de-sac at the west end of Antrim Crescent.
- Stopping is prohibited from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, on the north side of Antrim Crescent, between a point 77 metres west of Dundalk Drive and the west end of Antrim Crescent.

- Parking is prohibited from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. and permitted for a maximum period of 30 minutes from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., daily, on the south side of Antrim Crescent, between a point 82 metres north of Dundalk Drive and the south limit of the cul-de-sac.

Analysis

During our review at the morning and afternoon arrival and dismissal times, the majority of parents were observed parked at the cul-de-sac. This restricts the flow of one-way traffic and creates a hazard for pedestrians as it restricts sight-lines and visibility for school children crossing between parked vehicles.

In order to reduce congestion on Antrim Crescent in front of the school, staff are recommending more stringent parking regulations. Prohibiting parking at all times on both sides around the perimeter of the cul-de-sac will improve traffic flow and traffic congestion in front of the school and will improve safety by eliminating the sightline and visibility issues caused by parked vehicles.

In addition, short-term 10-minute parking on the south side of Antrim Crescent will allow for sufficient parking during pick-up and drop-off activities while preventing vehicles from parking in the vicinity of the school for extended periods.

The proposed parking amendments in this report will improve safety of children walking or being driven to and from the school and also allow for proper parking enforcement by the Toronto Police Service.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1: Location Plan (Parking Amendment – Antrim Crescent)

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