

Parking Amendments and Heavy Truck Prohibition - Woodstream Drive

Date: March 16, 2023

To: Etobicoke York Community Council

From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 1 - Etobicoke North

SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is recommending parking prohibitions on the east and west side of Woodstream Drive, between Rexdale Boulevard and Humberwood Boulevard. These proposed regulations will improve vehicle movements by maintaining a clear passage and improve visibility and safety for all road users and park users.

Furthermore, Transportation Services is requesting approval to implement a heavy truck prohibition, to be in effect at all times, on Woodstream Drive between Rexdale Boulevard and Humberwood Boulevard.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Etobicoke York Community Council prohibit parking at all times on the east side of Woodstream Drive, between Rexdale Boulevard and Humberwood Boulevard.
2. Etobicoke York Community Council prohibit parking at all times on the west side of Woodstream Drive, between Rexdale Boulevard and a point 60 metres north.
3. Etobicoke York Community Council prohibit parking at all times on the west side of Woodstream Drive, between a point 85 metres north of Rexdale Boulevard and point 31 metres further north.
4. Etobicoke York Community Council prohibit parking at all times on the west side of Woodstream Drive, between Humberwood Boulevard and a point 70 metres south.
5. Etobicoke York Community Council prohibit heavy trucks at all times on Woodstream Drive, between Rexdale Boulevard and Humberwood Boulevard.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The signage costs associated with the proposed amendments are approximately \$4,000.00. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2023 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

The Ward Councillor, on behalf of residents of Woodstream Drive, requested that Transportation Services investigate Woodstream Drive for appropriate parking regulations to enhance safety and visibility for all road users and park users.

Woodstream Drive is a municipal roadway that was recently created as part of a new development on the northwest corner of Rexdale Boulevard and Humberwood Boulevard. Although parking regulations were not recommended during the planning process, staff in consultation with the Ward Councillor, are recommending parking regulations on both sides of Woodstream Drive.

Existing Conditions

Woodstream Drive is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, north-south, local roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 8 metres
- The speed limit is 50 km/h
- Heavy trucks are permitted at all times
- There is no TTC service provided
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street
- A park with playground equipment is located on the west side of Woodstream Drive between the two intersections of the private roadway
- Limited parking spaces are available on the east side of Woodstream Drive due the spacing between driveways.

The unsigned statutory three-hour maximum parking limit is in effect at all times on both sides of Woodstream Drive.

Staff in consultation with the Ward Councillor, are recommending parking regulations on the entire east side and a portion of the west side of Woodstream Drive. In addition, it was noted during our investigation that the street is residential in nature and that heavy trucks should be prohibited at all times on Woodstream Drive.

Proposed Changes

The proposed parking prohibition on the east side of the street will improve vehicle movements by maintaining a clear passage. In addition, the proposed parking prohibitions on the west side will improve the visibility and safety for park users and vehicles entering and exiting the private roadway. The remaining areas on the west side will remain unsigned and subject to the statutory three-hour maximum parking limit.

A map of the area and proposed parking amendments is included in Attachment 1.

The Ward Councillor has been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - Parking Amendments - Woodstream Drive

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