

## **Parking Amendments - Homestead Road, between Coronation Drive and Skelding Court**

**Date:** March 15, 2024

**To:** Scarborough Community Council

**From:** Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

**Wards:** Ward 25, Scarborough-Rouge Park

### **SUMMARY**

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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 that parking be prohibited at all times on the east side of Homestead Road, between Coronation Drive and a point 28 metres south of Skelding Court. This section of Homestead Road does not currently have a sidewalk on either side. Accordingly, pedestrians in this section must walk along the side of the street. A continuous sidewalk is planned over the entire length of Homestead Road; however, this work cannot be delivered in the near future.

The east side parking prohibition is recommended as an immediate measure to provide sufficient walking space for pedestrians. It will improve sightlines for motorists and prevent pedestrians from having to walk between, and around, parked vehicles. There will be a loss of approximately 35 on-street parking spaces.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Scarborough Community Council prohibit parking at all times on the east side of Homestead Road, between Coronation Drive and a point 28 metres south of Skelding Court.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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The estimated costs of installing the signs are \$2,000.00. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2024 Operating Budget.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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This report addresses a new initiative.

## **COMMENTS**

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The Ward Councillor, on behalf of residents of Homestead Road, requested that measures be implemented to improve safety for pedestrians walking on Homestead Road, between Coronation Drive and Skelding Court. Transportation Services review disclosed it is not feasible to install a temporary sidewalk facility in advance of the permanent sidewalk installation, but a parking prohibition on the east side of the street can be supported to provide additional space for pedestrians walking on the street.

### **Existing Conditions**

Homestead Road, between Coronation Drive and Skelding Court, is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, north-south, local roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width that varies from approximately 6.6 metres to 8.1 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 1,100 vehicles
- The speed limit is 40 km/h. Transportation Services advises that the speed limit is planned to be reduced to 30 km/h on this street by 2026+, consistent with Item 2019.IE6.8 (Vision Zero 2.0 – Road Safety Plan Update).
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is no Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) service provided
- There are sidewalks located on the east side of the street, between Skelding Court and a point 28 metres south. The remaining section, approximately 535 metres in length, has no sidewalk on either side
- The land use is generally residential, comprising detached homes with driveways

The parking regulation on Homestead Road generally allow for maximum three-hour statutory parking at all times on both sides. A field inventory undertaken between Coronation Drive and a point 28 metres south of Skelding Court (where the sidewalk ends) disclosed approximately 35 potential parking spaces on the east side of the street and approximately 47 potential parking spaces on the west side of the street.

As the residences on this street have driveways, there was not a significant demand for on-street parking. Observational data indicate that instances of on-street parking primarily stem from convenience, guest visitation, and surplus vehicles associated with the residents.

### **Proposed Changes**

Given that there are more potential parking spaces on the west side of Homestead Avenue, as well as the fact that the existing sidewalk is located on the east side of the street, Transportation Services is recommending that the east side of the section have the parking prohibition applied. This regulation enhances safety for pedestrians walking between the street and the existing sidewalks.

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

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

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### **ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1: Map - Parking Amendments - Homestead Road

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