

Parking Amendments - Benleigh Drive, between McCowan Road and Benroyal Crescent

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To: Scarborough Community Council

From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 24, Scarborough-Guildwood

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 that parking be prohibited at all times on both sides of Benleigh Drive, between McCowan Road and Benroyal Crescent due to community support and sightline enhancements to improve road safety for all road users.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Scarborough Community Council prohibit parking at all times on both sides of Benleigh Drive, between McCowan Road and Benroyal Crescent.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated costs of installing the signs are \$700.00. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2025 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

The Ward Councillor, on behalf of residents of Benleigh Drive, requested that a parking prohibition be implemented to address the local residents' concerns of sight line obstruction and emergency vehicle impediments after public consultation which garnered strong support from the local residents in this section of the road.

Existing Conditions

Benleigh Drive, between McCowan Road and Benroyal Crescent, is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, east-west, collector roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 8.5 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 750 vehicles
- The speed limit is 40 km/h
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is no Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) service provided
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street
- The land use is generally residential, comprising detached homes with driveways

The parking regulation on Benleigh Drive generally allows for maximum three-hour statutory parking at all times on both sides. A field inventory undertaken between McCowan Road and Benroyal Crescent disclosed a loss of approximately three potential parking spaces on each 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 is strong public support for this prohibition and potential sight line obstructions due to vehicles parking on this section of the road, the proposed parking prohibition will enhance sight lines and improve safety for all road users.

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

Attachment 1: Map - Parking Amendments - Benleigh Drive

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