



Corporate Report

Report from Transportation & Environmental Services, Operations

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Date of Meeting: September 9, 2013

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Subject: Grapeview Drive – Parking Changes

Recommendation

That Council direct staff to remove the parking prohibition from the south side of Grapeview Drive from Martindale Road to the east limit; and

That Council direct staff to prohibit parking on the north side of Grapeview Drive from Martindale Road to the east limit; and

That the City Solicitor be directed to prepare the necessary by-law. FORTHWITH

Background

In discussions with an area resident regarding concerns with vehicles parking in front of their home, it was brought to staff's attention that the no parking signs were removed from the south side of Grapeview Drive. Upon investigation, staff confirmed that this was the case and were prepared to reinstall the signs. As part of the review, staff noted that there were more parking opportunities available on the south side of Grapeview Drive where parking is currently prohibited. As such, staff recommended that the parking be "flipped" to the south side, thereby prohibiting parking on the north side.

Report

Grapeview Drive, east of Martindale Road, is a local street with shoulders and an approximate pavement width of six metres. There are six homes on the north side of the street with a commercial property at the corner of Martindale Road / Grapeview Drive. There is a medical facility on the south side of the street. Parking is currently permitted in front of the homes and prohibited along the medical facility.

This issue arose through a complaint from a resident with concerns of vehicles parking on the shoulder in front of their home. Their concern dealt with the ability to maintain the shoulder when vehicles are constantly parked there. This is a common complaint by homeowners when there are no curbs on a street. The medical facility recently received approval to expand their parking facility due to the need for

additional parking. Based on the information provided by the resident, the demand for on-street parking is quite high.

Upon review of the driveway layout, staff noted that there were three potential parking spaces on the north side of the street and approximately eight parking spaces available on the south side of the street. Given this inequity in the available on-street parking, staff proposed that the parking be “flipped” to the south side of the street, along the side of the medical facility. This would also remove the parking from the shoulder in front of the homes.

Prior to preparing the report, staff delivered letters to the residents soliciting their input on the proposed change. Six letters were delivered and there was no response. Despite the non-response, staff are of the opinion that the parking should be move from the north side of the street to the south side of the street.

Financial Implications

The cost installing parking prohibitions is expected to be approximately \$500. These costs will be funded by the Annual Operating Budget (Traffic Safety Devices).

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