

May 6, 2024

City Council
City of Barrie Legislative Services
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Dear Mayor and Council

Re: General Committee – May 8, 2024 – Item DEV018-24 – Bear Creek Ridge Subdivision – Residential Parking Control

We are writing in response to the above noted staff report. We are so pleased to finally see parking control in our neighbourhood. Currently, there are so many cars parked everywhere we witness the garbage trucks having difficulty navigating the subdivision and we can only imagine that if a fire truck was required it would be impossible to reach their destination with all the parked vehicles.

We would ask you, however, to reconsider allowing parking on Franklin Trail from 34 Franklin Trail to just past 46 Franklin Trail. We've attached a map for your convenience. Currently the map accompanying the above noted report notes that the area in green, denoting on street parking will be allowed in that area. This was not the original plan, currently at that area there are signs noting 'future no parking area'.

The original plan was not in error. That area is on a very sharp bend, and it houses the community mailboxes. It is impossible to access the mailboxes with all the vehicles that currently park there. It is also very difficult for garbage trucks to navigate that corner with the parked cars. Many Friday mornings we are awoken to the sound of the garbage truck laying on their horn until someone moves their vehicles so that it can get around the corner. It is likely that fire trucks would have the same issue. Cars are not parking on the other side of the street here (houses 31-43), because of the way the corner is shaped the driveways are too close together to accommodate that, so the congestion is not caused by cars parking on both sides of the street, only from the one side at the bend.

We appreciate that the parking plan has been adjusted based on residents' concerns that there needs to be on street parking in some places. We agree that when we have guests they need somewhere on the street to park. We don't agree that residents on our side of the subdivision (north of Mabern) need resident street parking. These homes all have two car garages, and 2-4 driveway parking spaces. The fact that people don't park their cars in their garages as intended should not disrupt the neighbourhood. We have a legal suite in our basement, and we play driveway Jenga every day to keep all our cars parked in our garage and driveway so as to not disturb our neighbours. We only wish that everyone had the same level of consideration, and considered how emergency vehicles will reach us when we need them.

Sincerely,

Laurie and Wayne Kennard

Attachment map

☒ currently marked future no parking

Mail boxes

