
TO: GENERAL COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: PARKING PROHIBITION ON EMMS DRIVE

WARD: WARD 7

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RECOMMENDED MOTION

1. That By-law 80-138, Schedule "W", "No Standing in Specified Places Where Signs on Display at Stated Times" be amended by deleting the following:

Emms Drive West side from Mapleton Avenue to a point 190 metres south From 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m., except Saturdays, Sundays and Statutory Holidays."

2. That By-law 80-138, Schedule "B", "No Parking in Specific Places Where Signs on Display at the Stated Times" be amended by adding the following:

Emms Drive From a point 90 metres north of Mapleton Avenue to a point 280 metres south thereof West side 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Statutory Holidays September 1st to July 1st."

3. That By-law 80-138, Schedule "D", "Stopping Prohibited" be amended by deleting the following:

Emms Drive From Mapleton Avenue to a point 90 metres thereof East side 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Statutory Holidays."

Emms Drive From Mapleton Avenue to a point 190 metres thereof East side 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Statutory Holidays."

And add the following:

Emms Drive From a point 90 metres north of Mapleton Avenue to a point 280 metres south thereof East side 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Statutory Holidays September 1st to July 1st."

PURPOSE & BACKGROUND

4. Staff have received a request from area residents and the Ward Councillor regarding parking concerns on Emms Drive near Holly Meadows Elementary School.
5. Emms Drive is a two-lane local roadway with a pavement width of 8.5 metres and a daily traffic volume of approximately 2,100 vehicles per day.
6. Currently, there is no standing on the west side of Emms Drive from Mapleton Avenue to a point 190 metres south. However, Municipal By-Law Enforcement cannot enforce this as it is not referenced within Traffic By-law 80-138. Please refer to Appendix "A" for map of the area.
7. The current language of By-law 80-138, Schedule "D", "Stopping Prohibited" no stopping on Emms Drive along the east side is ambiguous and required updating to properly define the limits of the parking prohibition.
8. On-street parking is prohibited from December 1st to March 31st, between 12:01 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. for the purpose of snow clearing.

ANALYSIS

9. Staff conducted observations of student pick-up and drop-off in the area of Holly Meadows Elementary School during both arrival and dismissal times and noted vehicles parking, blocking residential driveways and reducing the travel width of Emms Drive to one lane of traffic. This poses both operational and safety concerns as parents and children are crossing Emms Drive between parked vehicles, which reduce the visibility of pedestrians.
10. Holly Meadows Elementary School operates a very efficient Kiss 'n' Ride program which reduces the parking congregation on both Emms Drive and Mapleton Avenue which improves both the operation and safety of the roadway.
11. Parents and guardians are able to utilize both the Holly Community Centre and Holly Community Park parking lots to provide additional locations for loading and unloading of students without negatively impacting the roadway.
12. A Parking Questionnaire was prepared and mailed to 52 property owners on Emms Drive. Results of the Parking Questionnaire responses are as follows:

| EMMS DRIVE ON-STREET PARKING SURVEY | RESPONSES RECEIVED | PERCENTAGE OF RESPONSES |
|---|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Leave current parking in place on Emms Drive. No Standing to be replaced with No Parking 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday, September 1st to July 1st, excluding Statutory Holidays for by-law consistency. | 3 | 38% |
| Implement the following parking prohibitions on Emms Drive. Please refer to the attached map. I. No Stopping 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday, September 1st to July 1st, excluding Statutory Holidays; and II. No Parking 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday, September 1st to July 1st, excluding Statutory Holidays. | 5 | 62% |
| TOTAL (Out of 52) | 8 | 15% |

13. Based on the survey results and staff review, staff recommended that the following changes be made to Traffic By-Law 80-138:

Schedule "W", "No Standing in Specified Places Where Signs on Display at Stated Times" be amended by deleting the following:

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| <u>Emms Drive</u> | West side from Mapleton Avenue to a point 190 metres south | From 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m., except Saturdays, Sundays and Statutory Holidays." |
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Schedule "B", "No Parking in Specific Places Where Signs on Display at the Stated Times" be amended by adding the following:

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| <u>Emms Drive</u> | From a point 90 metres north of Mapleton Avenue to a point 280 metres south thereof | West side | 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Statutory Holidays September 1 st to July 1 st ." |
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14. Based on a review of the existing No Standing in place on Emms Drive, this restriction cannot be enforced by Municipal By-Law as Schedule "W", "No Standing in Specified Places Where Signs on Display at Stated Times" is not referenced within a subsection of Traffic By-Law 80-138.
15. Barrie Police Service, Barrie Fire and Emergency Service and Municipal Law Enforcement do not oppose the recommended motion.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

16. There are no environmental matters related to the recommendation.

ALTERNATIVES

17. The following alternative is available for consideration by General Committee:

Alternative #1

General Committee could maintain current on-street parking regulations on Emms Drive.

This alternative is not recommended as the current No Standing prohibition cannot be enforced by Municipal Law Enforcement.

FINANCIAL

18. The installation of No Parking and No Stopping signs would cost approximately \$1,800 which can be accommodated in the 2016 Operating Budget.

LINKAGE TO COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

19. The recommendation included in this Staff Report is related to well-planned transportation to improve roadway safety as identified in the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan.

APPENDIX "A"

