
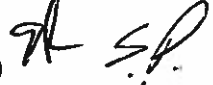




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TO: GENERAL COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: PARKING PROHIBITION ON COUGHLIN ROAD

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**RECOMMENDED MOTION**

1. That By-law 80-138, Schedule "A", "No Parking Any Time" be amended by adding the following:

<u>"Coughlin Road</u>	From Essa Road to a point 123 metres west thereof	Both Sides."
<u>"Coughlin Road</u>	From Emms Drive to a point 30 metres east thereof	Both Sides."

**PURPOSE & BACKGROUND**

2. The Engineering Department has received a request to investigate on-street parking along Coughlin Road.
3. Coughlin Road is a two-lane local roadway with a pavement width of 8.5 metres that tapers to 11 metres approaching Essa Road to accommodate turning movements to the commercial property on the northeast corner. Sidewalks are located on both sides of Coughlin Road, please refer to Appendix "A".
4. Coughlin Road is located within Ward 7.
5. Currently on-street parking is permitted on both sides of Coughlin Road.
6. Overnight on-street parking is prohibited from December 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>, between 12:01 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. for the purpose of snow clearing.

**ANALYSIS**

7. During a site visit to Coughlin Road, between Essa Road and Emms Drive, staff did not observe any congestion due to vehicles parking on-street. Staff did observe that when vehicles were parked too close to the intersections of Coughlin Road and Essa Road and Coughlin Road and Emms Drive that there were limited sight lines.

8. A Parking Questionnaire was prepared and mailed to 17 property owners on Coughlin Road. Results of the Parking Questionnaire responses are as follows:

COUGHLIN ROAD ON-STREET PARKING SURVEY	RESPONSES RECEIVED	PERCENTAGE OF RESPONSES
Leave current parking in place on both sides of Coughlin Road.	1	33%
Implement No Parking entirely on the north side of Coughlin Road.	0	0%
Implement No Parking entirely on the south side of Coughlin Road.	2	67%
Implement No Parking on the north and south side of Coughlin Road		
I. From Essa Road to a point 30 metres west thereof.	0	0%
II. From Emms Drive to a point 30 metres east thereof.		
<b>TOTAL (Out of 17)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>18%</b>

9. Respondents expressed concerns about parking along Coughlin Road which limits the lane width for vehicles to be able to manoeuvre when accessing their driveways.
10. Concerns were also raised about limited lane widths at intersections when manoeuvring from Essa Road and Emms Drive onto Coughlin Drive due to vehicles parked on both sides of the roadway.
11. Staff reviewed the collision history on Coughlin Road between Essa Road and Emms Drive which did not reveal any reported collisions involving vehicles parked on-street.
12. Based on survey results and staff review, staff recommend that By-law 80-138, Schedule "A", "No Parking Any Time" be amended by adding the following:
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13. The proposed "No Parking" regulations along Coughlin Road would allow for adequate lane widths and improved sight lines for vehicles accessing properties and improving operations and safety at the intersections.
14. Staff reviewed prohibiting parking entirely along Coughlin Road on both sides between Essa Road and Emms Drive. This was not recommended as Coughlin Road is a residential local roadway and there is a need for on-street parking.
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.

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**ALTERNATIVES**

17. The following alternatives are available for consideration by General Committee.

**Alternative #1** General Committee could decide not to prohibit on-street parking on Coughlin Road between Essa Road and Emms Drive.

This alternative is not recommended as vehicles currently parking on Coughlin Road in close proximity to the intersections cause operational and safety concerns due to sight line restrictions.

**Alternative #2** General Committee could decide to prohibit on-street parking entirely along Coughlin Road on both sides between Essa Road and Emms Drive.

This alternative is not recommended as Coughlin Road is classified as a local roadway with an existing traffic volume of 4,600 vehicles per day. Generally on-street parking is not prohibited on local roadways with traffic volumes less than 5,000 vehicles per day as it does not negatively impact traffic operations

**FINANCIAL**

18. The installation of "No Parking" signs would cost approximately \$1,200 which can be accommodated in the 2012 Business Plan.

**LINKAGE TO COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

19. The recommendations included in this Staff Report are not specifically related to the goals identified in the 2010-2014 City Council Strategic Plan.

APPENDIX "A"

