

TO:	GENERAL COMMITTEE
SUBJECT:	SHERWOOD COURT NO PARKING ANYTIME INVESTIGATION
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#### **RECOMMENDED MOTION**

1. That Traffic By-Law 2020-107, Schedule '1', "No Parking Anytime" be amended by adding the following:

"Sherwood Court	South side from Wismer Avenue to a point 158 metres west thereof"
"Sherwood Court	West side from a point 158 metres west of Wismer Avenue to a point 125 metres south thereof"

## **PURPOSE & BACKGROUND**

#### Report Overview

- 2. Development Services Department received motion 23-G-264 to investigate the feasibility of restricting parking on Sherwood Court and report back to General Committee.
- 3. Sherwood Court is a two-lane local roadway with a pavement width of 8.5 metres and a sidewalk located on the north side. There is pedestrian access to Cloughley Park at the south end of the cul-de-sac. Please refer to the area map in Appendix "A" attached Staff Report DEV010-24.
- 4. Road Classification is determined using the City of Barrie Official Plan, 2023, Map 4b Mobility Network.
- Currently, parking is permitted on both sides of Sherwood Court. Overnight on-street parking prohibition is applied from December 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> between 12:01 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. for winter maintenance activities.

# ANALYSIS

6. Staff performed preliminary site investigations to understand the current parking and traffic operations on Sherwood Court during the morning, afternoon and evening periods on consecutive days.



- 7. The study identified the following numbers of parked vehicles during each time period as follows:
  - Morning had an average of 7 parked vehicles.
  - Afternoon had an average of 11 parked vehicles.
  - Evening had an average of 4 parked vehicles.
- 8. During the site investigation, staff observed vehicles parking on the north and east side of Sherwood Court through the corner. Vehicles observed were parking on both sides of the road causing inadequate lane widths, reducing the road to a single lane of travel with reduced sight lines through the corner, creating operational and safety concerns. Please refer to Appendix "B" for the parking investigations results.
- 9. A questionnaire was prepared and mailed to 40 property owners on Sherwood Court, to seek input on proposed parking restrictions. Staff received 12 responses and the results of the questionnaire are as follows:

SHERWOOD COURT NO PARKING ANYTIME SURVEY	RESPONSES RECEIVED IN FAVOUR	PERCENTAGE OF RESPONSES
<b>Option "A"</b> – Maintain current parking on Sherwood Court.	4	33%
<b><u>Option "B"</u></b> – Implement the proposed parking restrictions on Sherwood Court.	8	67%
TOTAL (Out of 40)	12	30%

- 10. A review of the survey responses identified a total participation of 30%. From the twelve (12) total responses, eight (8) are in favour of implementing further restrictions (67%) and four (4) are not in favour (33%).
- 11. Residents expressed concerns with the on-street parking causing safety and operational concerns through the corner. Residents also conveyed that when vehicles park across the road from one another, it reduces the lane width making it difficult to travel the road safely for both vehicles and pedestrians.
- 12. Staff recommend implementing "No Parking Anytime" on the south and west sides of Sherwood Court. Please refer to Appendix "A" for "No Parking Anytime" limits. The recommended restrictions increase the operational safety of the roadway, ensure clear sightlines through the corner, and allow for maximum utilization of on-street parking.
- 13. Staff recommend the following parking amendments:

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## ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT MATTERS

14. There are no environmental or climate change impact matters related to the recommendation.

## ALTERNATIVES

- 15. The following alternative is available for consideration by General Committee:
  - <u>Alternative #1</u> General Committee could maintain the existing on-street parking (i.e., Status Quo).

This alternative is not recommended as it has been identified by staff that there are currently operational concerns for motorists and pedestrians when vehicles are parking on both sides of Sherwood Court.

## **FINANCIAL**

16. The costs associated with the installation of "No Parking Anytime" signs are approximately \$1,500.00 and can be accommodated in the 2024 Operating Budget.

#### LINKAGE TO 2022-2026 STRATEGIC PLAN

- 17. The recommendation(s) included in this Staff Report support the following goals identified in the 2022-2026 Strategic Plan:
  - Community Safety
- 18. The recommended motions of "No Parking Anytime" on the south and west sides Sherwood Court will improve the traffic operations and safety for motorists and pedestrians.



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**APPENDIX "A"** 

# Sherwood Court No Parking Anytime





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**APPENDIX "B"** 

# Sherwood Court Parking Analysis

