

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2014

Item 30, Report No. 36, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on September 9, 2014.

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'NO STOPPING' PROHIBITION REVIEW CARMEN CRESCENT WARD 3

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Engineering Services, dated September 2, 2014:

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Engineering Services recommend:

1. That By-law 1-96, the Consolidated Parking By-law, be amended to remove the existing 'No Stopping' prohibitions from 6:00pm to 10:00pm Monday - Friday, 6:00pm to 10:00pm Saturday – Sunday from May 1 – October 31, on the east side of Carmen Crescent from the south limit of Liskeard Circle (east intersection) to 90 metres east of the east limit of Liskeard Circle (west intersection) and the west side of Carmen Crescent from 40 metres south of the south limit of Liskeard Circle (east intersection) to 90 metres east of the east limit of Liskeard Circle (west intersection).

Contribution to Sustainability

Not Applicable.

Economic Impact

Not Applicable.

Communications Plan

Staff will advise the area residents of the outcome of Council's decision on this matter.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to address the request from the residents of Carmen Crescent to remove the existing 'No Stopping' prohibitions along Carmen Crescent, between the east and west intersections of Liskeard Circle.

Background – Analysis and Options

Carmen Crescent is a local roadway with a 20.0 metre right-of-way and an 8.5 metre pavement width. Sidewalks exist on the north side from Fiori Drive to Liskeard Circle (west intersection) and along the south and east sides of the roadway. The road extends from Fiori Drive to Belview Avenue. A walkway leading to Joey Panetta Park connects to Carmen Crescent, between house numbers 81 and 83. The area is shown in Attachment No.1.

The existing 'No Stopping' prohibitions along Carmen Crescent, between the east and west intersections of Liskeard Circle was implemented in 1996

At its meeting of October 28, 1996, Council approved the stopping prohibitions along Carmen Crescent, between the east and west intersections of Liskeard Circle (Refer to Attachment #2). The prohibition was requested by the residents that live within the limits outlined above as a result

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of loitering that took place on Carmen Crescent during evening seasonal use of Joey Panetta Park (formerly Marieta Park). Prior to the implementation of the prohibition, a public meeting was held on October 3, 1996 to develop the limits for the parking restrictions that would be acceptable to the residents.

A petition from the residents of Carmen Crescent was received on July 21, 2014 requesting that the existing 'No Stopping' prohibitions be removed

Staff received a petition, from the residents of Carmen Crescent, requesting consideration to remove the existing 'No Stopping' prohibitions. The petition was received on July 21st, 2014 and was signed by 16 households, representing a majority of the households within the prohibition limits.

Following receipt of the residents' petition, staff carried out observations along Carmen Crescent to determine the impact to traffic operations with the requested removal of the 'No Stopping' prohibitions. Staff did not identify any operational concerns that could arise with the reinstatement of parking along Carmen Crescent.

Staff has communicated with some of the impacted residents who have indicated that the original loitering concerns are no longer an issue today. As a result, staff proceeded to initiate a survey, to understand the community's official position on this matter.

On July 28, 2014 staff undertook a survey to solicit residents input on the removal of the existing 'No Stopping' prohibitions

The survey for the proposed removal of the 'No Stopping' prohibitions was delivered on July 28, 2014 to 17 homes on Carmen Crescent, and 1 home on Liskeard Circle. Residents were provided two weeks to complete and submit the surveys. The survey asked residents to reply on the support of one of the following options:

Option A – Removal of the 'No Stopping' prohibitions during Monday to Friday from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Saturday/Sunday from May1 to October 31 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the east side from the south limit of Liskeard Circle to 90 metres east of the east limit of Liskeard Circle (west intersection), and on the west side from 40 metres south of the south limit of Liskeard Circle (east intersection) to 90 metres east of the east limit of Liskeard Circle (west intersection).

Option B – Do nothing

The survey results are summarized below:

Survey Delivered	18
Completed Survey Received	17 (94%)
Support Option A	17 (94%)
Support Option B	0

Consistent with the City's past practice regarding similar traffic related reviews, a survey response rate of 75% and an approval rate of 75% should be met. The seventeen (17) responses received from the survey all agreed to Option A, resulting in a 94% response rate and a 94% approval rate. In view of the above, the removal of the existing 'No Stopping' prohibitions on Carmen Crescent can be initiated as the minimum threshold of 75% approval rating from the surveyed residents is met.

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Removal of the 'No Stopping' prohibitions on Carmen Crescent will improve overall operations of the roadway

Public highways are intended for all road users; balancing the needs of pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists is critical. In this regard, prohibitions should only be used as a tool to mitigate operational or safety concerns. The removal of the existing 'No Stopping' prohibitions along Carmen Crescent will create an additional 17 on-street parking spaces for area residents.

In view of the above and given the overwhelming community support, staff recommend removal of the existing 'No Stopping' prohibitions along Carmen Crescent, between the east and west intersections of Liskeard Circle.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

In consideration of the strategic priorities related to Vaughan Vision 2020, the recommended removal of the existing 'No Stopping' prohibition along Carmen Crescent will improve traffic flow for both drivers and pedestrians, thus enhancing community safety and design.

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council.

Regional Implications

Not Applicable.

Conclusion

It is recommended that the existing 'No Stopping' prohibitions from 6:00pm to 10:00pm Monday - Friday, 6:00pm to 10:00pm Saturday – Sunday from May 1 – October 31, on the east side of Carmen Crescent from the south limit of Liskeard Circle (east intersection) to 90 metres east of the east limit of Liskeard Circle (west intersection) and the west side of Carmen Crescent from 40 metres south of the south limit of Liskeard Circle (east intersection) to 90 metres east of the east limit of Liskeard Circle (west intersection) be removed.

Attachments

1. Location Map
2. Extract from Council Meeting Minutes of October 21, 1996, Item 7, Report No. 31 of the Committee of the Whole.

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(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)