



TO: GENERAL COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: INVESTIGATION – GIRDWOOD DRIVE ON-STREET PARKING RESTRICTIONS

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RECOMMENDED MOTION

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

"Girdwood Drive West side from Clute Crescent to Coughlin Road."

PURPOSE & BACKGROUND

2. Staff have received motion; 19-G-126 which states "That staff in the Roads, Parks, and Fleet Department, investigate the feasibility of implementing no parking/stopping restrictions on the east side of Girdwood Drive between Clute Crescent and Coughlin Road and report back to General Committee."
3. Girdwood Drive from Clute Crescent to Coughlin Road is a two (2) lane local roadway with a pavement width of 8.0 metres and an urban cross-section. There are residential driveways located on the west side of the road with boulevard space and sidewalks. The east side of the road has side lots with an empty curb face.
4. Currently, parking is permitted on both sides of the road along Girdwood Drive between Clute Crescent and Coughlin Road, with the exception of a 30 metre "No Parking Any Time" corner restriction south of Clute Crescent on the west side of Girdwood Drive. Overnight on-street parking is prohibited from December 1st to March 31st, between 12:01 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.

ANALYSIS

5. A Parking Questionnaire was prepared and mailed to eighteen (18) property owners around Girdwood Drive to select a preferred option. Eight (8) responses were received, and the results of the questionnaire are as follows:

| GIRDWOOD DRIVE ON-STREET PARKING SURVEY | RESPONSES RECEIVED IN FAVOUR | PERCENTAGE OF RESPONSES |
|---|---|------------------------------------|
| Option "A" – Maintain the current on-street parking along both sides of Girdwood Drive from Clute Crescent to Coughlin Road. | 3 | 38% |
| Option "B" – Implement "No Parking Any Time" along the west side of Girdwood Drive from Clute Crescent to Coughlin Road. | 5 | 62% |
| <u>Total (Out of 18)</u> | 8 | 44% |

6. Staff have completed field observations and reviewed responses from the parking questionnaire. Staff identified vehicles parking along both sides of Girdwood Drive from Clute Crescent to Coughlin Road.
7. With residential driveways on the west side of Girdwood Drive between Clute Crescent and Coughlin Road, area residents expressed concerns regarding difficulty exiting driveways. Parked vehicles have the potential to create sight line restrictions for motorists to see oncoming traffic.
8. Based on feedback from area residents and staff observations it is recommended that Traffic By-law 80-138 Schedule "A", "No Parking Any Time" be amended by adding the following:
- "Girdwood Drive West side from Clute Crescent to Coughlin Road."
9. The proposed "No Parking Any Time" on the west side of Girdwood Drive is recommended as this will extend the 30 metre "No Parking Any Time" corner restriction to Coughlin Road. This will eliminate any potential concerns with vehicles impeding driveway access and free up sight line restrictions for motorists accessing/egressing their driveways. In addition, the recommended motion will allow for vehicles to still park along the east side of the road while maintaining optimal lane widths for emergency service vehicles and the public.
10. Barrie Police Service, Barrie Fire and Emergency Service and Municipal Law Enforcement staff do not oppose the recommended motion.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT MATTERS

11. There are no environmental and/or climate change impact matters related to the recommendation.

ALTERNATIVES

12. There are two (2) alternatives available for consideration by General Committee:

Alternative 1 General Committee could decide to maintain the current on-street parking on both sides of Girdwood Drive.

This alternative is not recommended as vehicles currently park in close proximity to residential driveways on the west side of the road which creates sight line restrictions and the potential for parked vehicles to impede driveway accesses. In addition, parked vehicles on both sides of the road can create operational concerns for emergency services vehicles.

Alternative 2 General Committee could decide to implement “No Parking Any Time” on the east side of Girdwood Drive between Clute Crescent and Coughlin Road.

This alternative is not recommended as this block face has no residential access. This allows for approximately nine (9) vehicles to park on the roadway without creating operational or safety concerns.

FINANCIAL

13. The cost of implementing the proposed parking regulations is approximately \$500 which can be accommodated in the 2020 Operating Budget.

LINKAGE TO 2018-2022 STRATEGIC PLAN

14. The recommendation included in this Staff Report support the following goals identified in the 2018-2022 Strategic Plan:
- a) Improving the ability to get around Barrie.
15. The recommendation of implementing “No Parking Any Time” along the west sides of Girdwood Drive from Clute Crescent to Coughlin Road will extend the current 30 metre “No Parking Any Time” restriction. This will maximize available on-street parking, ensure the safe and efficient ingress/egress from residential driveways while maintaining optimal lane widths for all road users.

APPENDIX "A"

