

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – MAY 17, 2004

PENTLAND CRESCENT CHANGE TO PARKING PROHIBITION

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends:

1. That a parking prohibition be enacted on the east side of Pentland Crescent from approximately 50 metres south of Shalimar Place to approximately 90 metres south of Shalimar Place between the hours of 8:00am to 9:00am and 3:00pm to 4:00pm, Monday to Friday, September 1 to June 30;
2. That the existing handicapped 'by permit only' parking space on the east side of Pentland Crescent from approximately 75 metres south of Shalimar Place to 85 metres south of Shalimar Place be rescinded;
3. That the existing stopping prohibition on both sides of Pentland Crescent from Greenock Drive to Cromwell Road between the hours of 8:00am to 9:00am and 3:00pm to 4:30pm, Monday to Friday, be rescinded;
4. That a stopping prohibition be enacted on the north and west side of Pentland Crescent from Greenock Drive to Cromwell Road between the hours of 8:00am to 9:00am and 3:00pm to 4:00pm, Monday to Friday, September 1 to June 30;
5. That a stopping prohibition be enacted on the east side of Pentland Crescent from Cromwell Road to approximately 50 metres south of Shalimar Place between the hours of 8:00am to 9:00am and 3:00pm to 4:00pm, Monday to Friday, September 1 to June 30; and
6. That a stopping prohibition be enacted on the east and south side of Pentland Crescent from approximately 90 metres south of Shalimar Place to Greenock Drive between the hours of 8:00am to 9:00am and 3:00pm to 4:00pm, Monday to Friday, September 1 to June 30.

Purpose

To review the feasibility of implementing a parking prohibition on the east side of Pentland Crescent adjacent to school frontage during the school arrival and dismissal times at Father John Kelly Catholic Elementary School. This request originated from the Council/School Board Liaison, Parking Sub Committee - Vaughan Liaison Committee.

Background - Analysis and Options

The issue of parking and traffic congestion along Pentland Crescent has been an ongoing concern for the local community. Specifically, the residents of Pentland Crescent have expressed concerns regarding traffic during school arrival and school dismissal times at Father John Kelly Catholic Elementary School. There is an existing stopping prohibition on the both sides, along the entire length of Pentland Crescent from Greenock Drive to Cromwell Road from 8:00am to 9:00am and from 3:00pm and 4:00pm, Monday to Friday. The stopping prohibition was adopted by Council in 1999. Refer to Attachment No. 1.

However, the existing stopping prohibition has not been a successful deterrent and on-going by-law enforcement is often met with hostility. The prohibition is also typically ignored when by-law officers are not present during the specified time periods.

A number of site meetings were conducted to assess the situation and to establish additional improvements. Staff discussions with the local residents, the area Councillor, school trustee, school principal and school board staff have occurred through the Parking Sub-Committee of the Vaughan School Board Liaison Committee. One of the recommendations that came forth that requires an amendment to the existing traffic By-law is the proposal to create an approximately 40 metre stretch of Pentland Crescent adjacent to the school's rear frontage where the existing stopping prohibition is to be changed to a parking prohibition. A parking prohibition allows for brief student drop-off or pick-up related stops while the vehicle is engaged in that area. The 40 metre section would allow for approximately six vehicles to briefly occupy the area at one time.

The 40 metre section is currently comprised of two existing prohibitions. The northerly 30 metres is a stopping prohibition between the hours of 8:00am and 9:00am and 3:00pm and 4:30pm, Monday to Friday. The southerly 10 metres is designated as a handicapped parking space, 'by permit only'. The on-street handicapped parking space is no longer required and is recommended to be eliminated.

It was also concluded by staff, the residents and members of the Parking Sub-Committee that the current stopping prohibition on the remaining portions of Pentland Crescent be maintained to control vehicles in the adjacent areas.

Furthermore, as part of the proposed changes, the School Board will relocate the rear walkway near the south bend of Pentland Crescent from its existing location to where the proposed parking prohibition area is to be located. This will reduce congestion in front of the residential homes located on the south side of Pentland Crescent immediately adjacent to the school property. The School Board has taken several steps to increase the safety and efficiency of vehicular movement at the school site. An on-site driveway loop accessible from Keele Street was constructed in front of the school.

The School Council recommended that hatch markings be painted on Pentland Crescent in front of the proposed location of the fence opening. Engineering staff do not recommend that these markings be implemented, as this would be a non-uniform standard application.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This traffic study is consistent with Vaughan Vision 2007 as to identify and implement innovative traffic management alternatives to improve general traffic safety (1.1.3).

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Conclusion

Based on staff's review, the recommended parking and stopping prohibitions be approved as outlined above.

Attachments

1. Location Map

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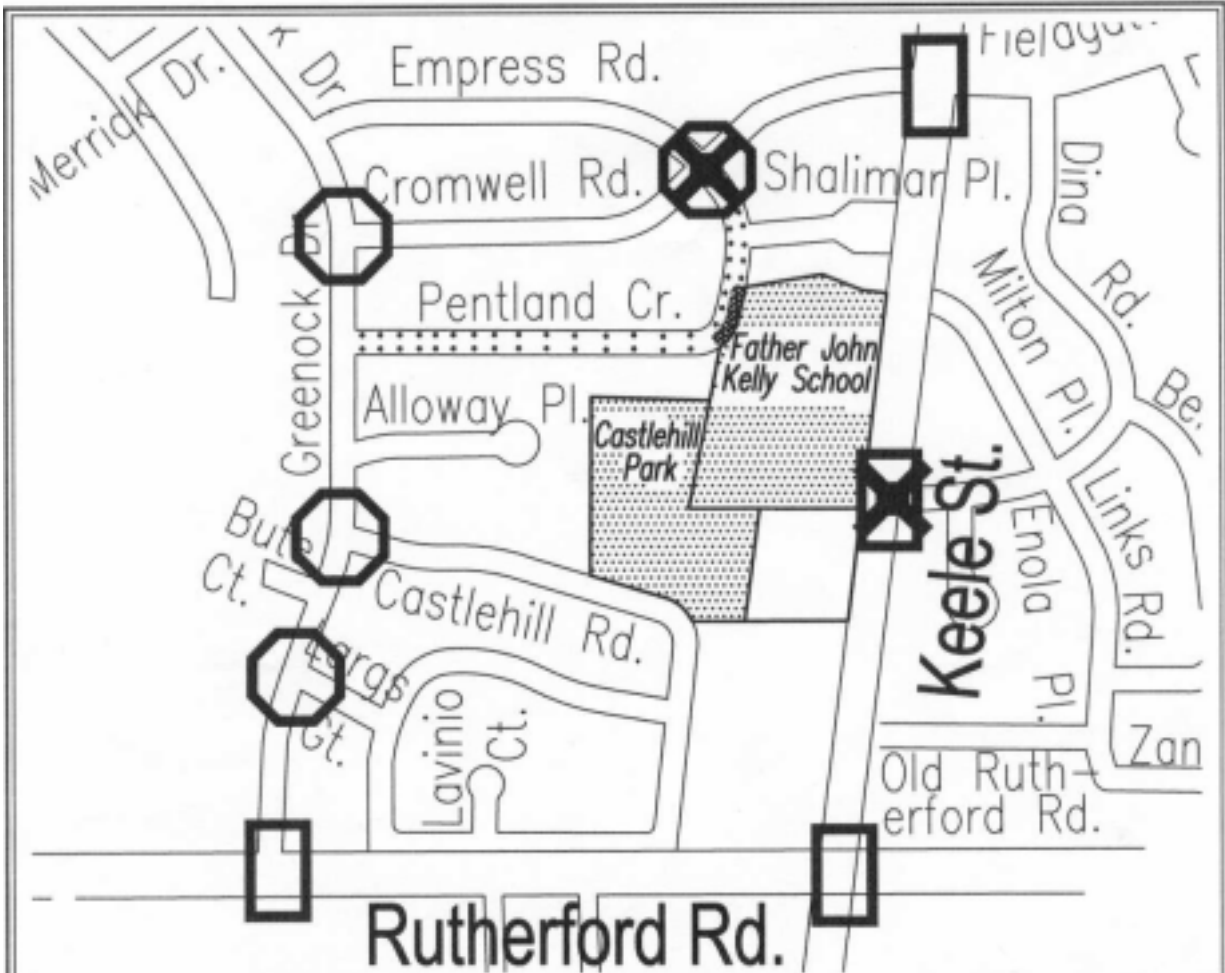
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ATTACHMENT No. 1



PENTLAND CRESCENT ADJUSTED PARKING PROHIBITIONS

LEGEND

-  EXISTING TRAFFIC SIGNALS
-  EXISTING ALLWAY STOP CONTROL
-  EXISTING ADULT GUARD SUPERVISED SCHOOLCROSSING
-  NO STOPPING
(8:00am-9:00am and 3:00pm-4:00pm MON-FRI SEPTEMBER 1 - JUNE 30)
-  PROPOSED NO PARKING
(8:00am-9:00am and 3:00pm-4:00pm MON-FRI SEPTEMBER 1- JUNE 30)



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