

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – FEBRUARY 20, 2006

WOODBIDGE AVENUE REVISED PARKING PROHIBITIONS

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends:

1. That By-Law 1-96, the Consolidated Parking By-Law, be amended to add '2 Hour Parking Permitted' between the hours of 9:00am and 6:00pm, on the south side of Woodbridge Avenue from 75 metres west of Islington Avenue to 155 metres west of Islington Avenue; and
2. That By-law 1-96, the Consolidated Parking By-law, be amended to add a weekday time period of Monday to Friday to the existing "No Parking" prohibition 7:00am to 9:00am on the south side of Woodbridge Avenue.

Economic Impact

The cost to install the additional signs and replacement signs is an initial impact to the 2006 Operating Budget, and the cost to maintain the signs would be an annual future budget impact.

Purpose

To review the feasibility of providing available parking on the south side of Woodbridge Avenue between Clarence Street and the bridge, in response to the local business community.

Background - Analysis and Options

Staff were requested to review the feasibility of providing parking on Woodbridge Avenue in front of the Italian Canadian Savings and Credit Union and the Hospice Vaughan buildings. The Hospice Vaughan building does not allow parking on site for their workers or patrons and are forced to park on Woodbridge Avenue. The employees of the Italian Canadian Savings and Credit Union park in the underground parking lot beneath this building.

The intersection of Woodbridge Avenue and Clarence Street has an existing designated westbound right turn lane. A "No Standing" prohibition on the north side of Woodbridge Avenue for the designated lane was installed in the Fall 2005. There is an existing "No Parking – 7:00am to 9:00am" prohibition on the south side of Woodbridge Avenue from 57 metres west of Islington Avenue to 155 metres west of Islington Avenue. The area is shown on Attachment No. 1.

There is a concern for the customers to the Hair Salon and the Bank that a definite time parking period should be available for them directly in front of these buildings. This will avoid all day parking by the Hospice Vaughan workers and allow for parking for customers to the Hair Salon and/or the Bank. A 2-Hour time period from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm would provide the customer ample time for an appointment to either business and allow workers a place to park up to two hours. There would be approximately 14 parking spaces available in this section. The existing time period prohibition for this section of Woodbridge Avenue should remain between 7:00 am and 9:00 am to ensure the traffic flow eastbound is not impeded. However, there should be an amendment the By-law to include a weekday prohibition from Monday to Friday.

The total traffic volumes for westbound traffic turning right onto Clarence Street during study times was 1413 vehicles and is sufficient to designate the existing westbound curb lane on Woodbridge Avenue as an exclusive right turn lane. It is recommended that no revisions to the north side prohibitions be made to ensure proper traffic flow of the designated westbound right turn lane.

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.

Conclusion

Based on staff's review, it is recommended, that the above revised parking prohibition be approved on the south side of Woodbridge Avenue east of Clarence Street.

Attachments

1. Location Map

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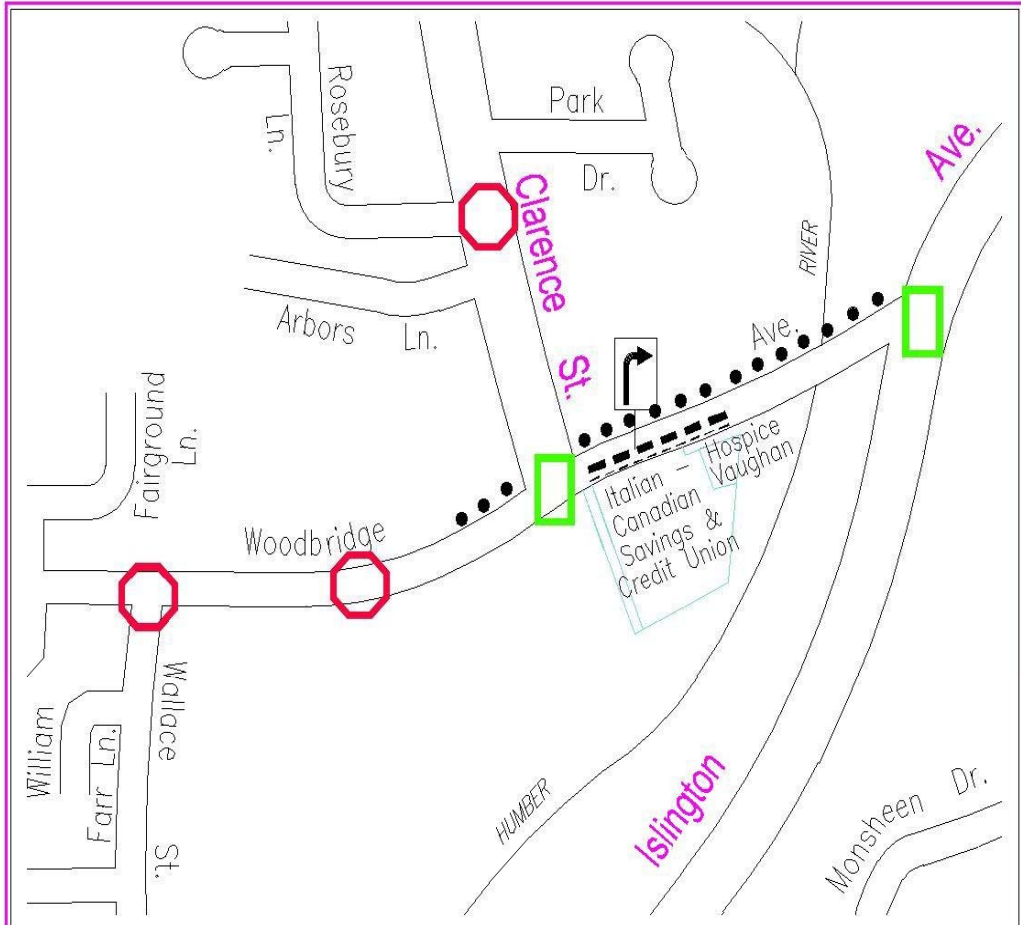
Respectfully submitted,

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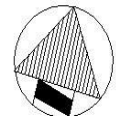
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LEGEND

-  PROPOSED "2 HOUR" PARKING LIMIT - 9am to 6pm
-  EXISTING "NO STANDING ANYTIME"
-  EXISTING "NO PARKING - 7am to 9am" PROHIBITION
-  EXISTING WESTBOUND DESIGNATED RIGHT TURN
-  EXISTING TRAFFIC SIGNALS
-  EXISTING ALL-WAY STOP CONTROL



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