COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - SEPTEMBER 15, 2003

PROPOSED PARKING PROHIBITION ON BASHIR STREET AND ABDUS SALEM STREET

RECOMMENDATION

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends that:

- 1. That parking be prohibited on the west side of Bashir Street, from the termination point (north end) southerly for a distance of 18.2 metres;
- 2. That parking be prohibited on the east side of Bashir Street, from the termination point (north end) southerly for a distance of 13.9 metres;
- 3. That parking be prohibited on the west side of Abdus Salem Street, from the termination point (north end) southerly for a distance of 17.2 metres;
- 4. That parking be prohibited on the east side of Abdus Salem Street, from the termination point (north end) southerly for a distance of 17.8 metres; and,
- 5. That a by-law be enacted to authorize the parking restrictions.

<u>Purpose</u>

The purpose of this report is to prohibit parking on both sides of Bashir Street and Abdus Salem Street from the termination point (north end) southerly for distances ranging from 13.9 metres to 18.2 metres. This parking prohibition will ensure residents of the affected streets receive uninterrupted waste, recycling and leaf and yard collection services, and provide for easier winter maintenance activities.

Background - Analysis and Options

Bashir Street and Abdus Salem Street are located on the southwest corner of Jane St. and Teston Rd., in the Ahmadiyya Avenue community (refer to Attachment 1). Bashir Street and Abdus Salem Street are intended to extend to Teston Rd. once it has been re-aligned. The Region of York has indicated that the road jog elimination for Teston Rd. would occur no later than the fall of 2005. To provide consistent and uninterrupted waste and recycling collection services to the residents residing on Bashir Street and Abdus Salem Street, the temporary hammerheads at the end of the either road must be free and clear of any parked vehicles or other obstructions.

Given the width of the hammerhead, waste collection and winter maintenance vehicles cannot turn around on either Bashir Street or Abdus Salem Street if there are vehicles parked in either the approach to the hammerhead, or in the hammerhead itself. Specific to Abdus Salem Street, if vehicles are parked in the hammerhead (or in its approach), each collection vehicle must back up the entire length of Abdus Salem Street – twice, in order to collect waste/recyclables/leaf and yard material from both sides of the road. Similarly affected is the portion of Bashir Street, north of Abdus Salem Street. These parked vehicles also cause similar difficulties for winter maintenance vehicles.

Until such time as these roads are connected to Teston Rd., a temporary parking restriction is required to ensure that waste and recycling collection vehicles, as well as winter maintenance vehicles, can maneuver in the hammerheads to provide service in a safe and consistent manner.

Conclusion

The proposed parking restrictions will assist in ensuring the safety of the residents using the affected roadways as well as minimizing any potential liability to the City or its contractors. It will also ensure that collection services will not be interrupted or problematic, and winter maintenance

vehicles can maneuver easier. Once these two roads are connected to Teston Road, the parking restriction can be eliminated.

Attachments

1: Location Map

2. Photographs of current parking problems

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ATTACHMENT No. 1



