

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – APRIL 19, 2004**

**REQUEST FOR STAFF TO PROVIDE A REPORT  
ON THE INSTALLATION OF A NO PARKING SIGN**

**Recommendation**

Councillor Peter Meffe recommends:

That staff be directed to report with respect to the feasibility and effect of placing a No Parking sign at the end of Pikake Court.

**Purpose**

The purpose of this recommendation is to determine the effect of the installation of the No Parking sign at the end of Pikake Court.

**Background - Analysis and Options**

The pattern and design of the driveway at 40 Pikake Court makes access difficult and on a number of occasions, due to vehicles parked in the court, the residents have not been able to access their driveway. In order to alleviate this problem they have asked that a No Parking sign be installed. This will deter the parking of vehicles in front of their driveway and allow them access.

**Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007**

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have not been allocated and approved.

**Conclusion**

It is my feeling that this is a reasonable request and the residents should not have to suffer due to a poorly designed driveway. It will have no adverse effect on any of the neighbours on Pikake Court.

**Attachments**

Correspondence from the residents at 40 Pikake Court, Maple

**Report prepared by:**

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Meffe,  
Councillor, Ward 1

*Gerry & Lori D'Ambrosio*  
*40 Pikake Court.*  
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*905-417-2938*

March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

**Mr. Peter Meffe, Ward 1 Councillor**  
City of Vaughan  
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**VIA FAX 905-832-8538**

Dear Mr. Meffe:

My husband and I had the privilege of meeting you at a Maple Landing RatePayer Association meeting. At that meeting you offered your services, should we have any concerns. We are taking you up on that offer and hope that you might be able to assist us.

We currently live at 40 Pikake Court in Maple. Since we moved into our home on, April 2003, we have had ongoing concerns with the opening of our driveway. Our home is located on a court and our house is on the North side. The issue surrounds the access we have in and out of our driveway. When vehicles are parked along the edge of the court, we have to either maneuver to get into the driveway or we have no access to our driveway and our forced to park in the bulb of the court.

We contacted the builder originally, when the concrete curb was poured regarding this issue and we also contacted the City of Vaughan's Engineering and Transportation Department. We had an inspector from the City, come to our home and address our concern. He was able to accommodate the driveway opening and he allowed for an extension, which the builder could not (or would not) provide. Although the extended opening has helped, it has not resolved our issue.

Under the advisement of the City's inspector, I submitted a letter, outlining our concern, to be brought forth at the December 8th's Council Meeting. Several weeks later, I received a telephone call from Selma of the Engineering and Transportation Department. She explained that our concern was brought forth at the Council meeting and it was approved and that within 6 to 8 weeks, they would install the no parking signs. Several weeks later, we received a written letter, from Selma, informing us that the City of Vaughan would not be installing the no parking signs. The reason given was, they were not able to address/action one resident's concern. I emailed Selma and requested a further explanation as to why we were told yes verbally and then no in writing. When I spoke with Selma she said that she would forward my name to her colleague, Mike Dockman and he would contact me. Mike Dockman contacted me on Friday, February 13th, 2004, he explained that he was not able to assist me and that we should forward our complaints to the Parking Enforcement - each time we have a problem.

We should not have to contact Parking Enforcement each time we are trying to enter or exit our driveway. We have been contacting the Parking Enforcement since April of 2003, regarding this problem. But contacting them is a "band aid" to the problem not a resolution. Not satisfied with Mike Dockman's response and I asked to speak with his supervisor and I was put through to Michael Wong.

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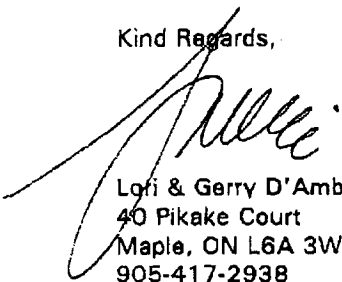
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Mr. Wong explained that the City could not respond to individual requests and that generally concerning circumstances like these that I would have to get the entire street to sign a petition - regarding the no parking sign. I don't understand why any other resident on our street would be concerned with access to our driveway. In our conversation, he said that he didn't feel that a no parking sign would prevent people from blocking our driveway opening. He offered to contact the By-Law Department and Parking Enforcement to expedite our calls regarding any infractions. Again, this is a "band aid" to our problem and that is why we are contacting you.

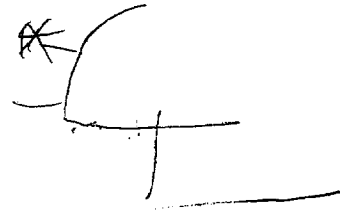
As taxpayers and residents of Vaughan we should be able to access our driveway safely and without obstruction. We should not have to contact Parking Enforcement each time we have an issue, regarding access to our driveway. We would appreciate discussing this concern with you

We can be reached at 905-417-2938 or via mail at the address below. We look forward to discussing this matter with you.

Kind Regards,



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#1

From: Lori D'Ambrosio on 11/13/2003 08:31 AM

To: mike.dokman@vaughan.ca  
cc: pius.liu@vaughan.ca

Subject: No Parking Sign on Pikake Court

**COPY**

Dear Mr. Mike Dokman:

My husband and I are residents and owners of 40 Pikake Court in Maple (Jane & Rutherford). Our home is located on a court and our home is the last one on the right side as you drive into the street. Our concern surrounds the accessibility of our driveway when cars are parked along the curb of the court.

Due to the awkwardness of the court, we have had numerous discussions with the builder regarding our driveway opening. As a resolution to our concerns and issue, we contacted Mr. Pius Liu to assist us in the issue concerning the driveway opening. Our concern and present problem is that when cars are parked along the curb of the court, we have difficulty and sometimes are unable to access our driveway safely or at all. Our builder has suggested that we contact Parking Enforcement each time this occurs, but my husband and I do not feel that as taxpayers we should be constantly forced to contact Parking Enforcement each time we want to enter or exit our driveway. Mr. Pius Liu suggested that we contact you to express our concerns and ask that you bring forth our issue at your next Council Meeting.

With the winter soon upon us, our concern grows regarding this issue. If we cannot access our driveway safely now, we anticipate that with the snow, we will encounter another set of problems.

Mr. Mike Dokman, I would appreciate it if you would put forth our request for a No Parking Sign at the end of our Court. This will ensure that we will be able to access our driveway without obstruction or aggravations. If you have the opportunity to and would like to come to our home to see first hand our concern, we would appreciate the opportunity of meeting with you. Otherwise, I am certain that your colleague Mr. Pius Liu would be pleased to discuss our situation further with you.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at work 416-344-3374 or my home at 905-417-2938. I trust that our concern and request will be brought forth and considered and your December 8th meeting. We look forward to your favorable resolution. Many thanks in advance for your attention to this matter, we appreciate it.

Kind Regards,

Lori D'Ambrosio  
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#2

From: Lori D'Ambrosio on 02/03/2004 08:11 AM

To: Selma.Hubjer@vaughan.ca  
cc: (bcc: Lori D'Ambrosio/OPERATIONS/WCBO)

**COPY**

Subject: Re: No Parking Sign on Pikake Court

Dear Selma:

Thank you for your correspondence dated January 29th, 2004.

I was advised by your colleague to submit my concern and suggestion regarding Pikake Court. I feel that my letter addressed the pressing issue that we, as homeowners and taxpayers, have to endure. The issue was brought forward at the December 8th, 2003 Council Meeting and I was advised by telephone, that the request for a no parking sign was accepted for two reasons, one because emergency vehicles would not have sufficient space to enter or exit the cul-de-sac and secondly because parking at the edge of the court, directly in front of our home, prevented us to safely enter/exit our driveway. I was advised that the no parking signs could take a few weeks to be completed but that by sometime in February, the signs at the entry of the street and at the end of the court would be installed. Ironically, yesterday I received your letter, acknowledging the issues with the inability to enter/exit the driveway, but denying the no parking sign(s).

In your letter you advise that you do not "generally" prohibit parking as per a single compliant. Then my question is - if the issue pertains to the entry and access of my driveway, how many other people do you need to have complain about an issue that is unique to our address? Furthermore, your suggestion to contact the by-law department, each time we cannot enter/exit our driveway, is not a resolution and we do not feel that we should have to constantly contact the by-law department each time we have a situation. I have been a resident on Pikake Court since April 2003 and have to contact the by-law department on numerous occasions and they do not respond or ticket any of the vehicles. This is not a solution. As tax payers there must be a resolution that will clearly address our concern and issues.

We do not agree with your response and respectfully wish to appeal this decision and bring it forward again. If this is not possible then I would appreciate getting further information on how to proceed with this issue. Is there another department, person and/or council that I would have to address? Furthermore, I would like to know why I was originally told that the signs would be put up and then told that they would not be.

I look forward to hearing from you. I can be reached at work at 416-344-3374, home 905-417-2938 or via email.

Thank you.

Regards,

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