

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE JUNE 8, 2005

ON STREET PARKING PROPOSAL

Recommendation

Councillor Shefman recommends:

That the City of Vaughan establish a one year pilot project for Ward 5 commencing in October 2005 for all-year permitted parking in residential areas.

And that staff prepare their recommendations prior to the implementation of this project.

Economic Impact

Unknown but to be determined as a result of the analysis that will be conducted to determine the viability of the pilot project.

Purpose

1. This project will be clearly identified that it is taking place only as a pilot project in a limited area of the City of Vaughan.
2. All residents who wish to take part in this pilot will be required to sign an agreement confirming their compliance with the terms of the pilot as well as recognizing the temporary nature of the allowance.
3. Parking will be allowed only on residential secondary streets by permit where no conflict exists with restrictive parking or traffic by-laws or where it is deemed by City traffic engineers as having a significant negative impact on traffic flow.
4. The fee for the permits shall be determined and approved by Council.
5. A permit holder is not protected from parking infractions where a vehicle is parked in a location or at a time not allowed under the permit.
6. Only one permit is allowed per residential address.
7. The permit must be displayed at all times on the dash on the driver's (left) side of the window of the vehicle. If a permit is not visible, it shall be considered that the vehicle does not have a permit and shall be ticketed appropriately.
8. Permits are issued only to passenger vehicles or commercial vehicles registered with the Ministry of Transportation as "Personal use only".
9. Permits are not issued to commercial vehicles such as trucks, buses, trailers, vehicles exceeding 6.4m (21') in length, etc
10. The permit will be tied to the address of the applicant. This will require the permit holder to park their vehicle directly in front of their residence only. Where there is no parking space available directly in front of a residence, permits will not be made available, except when parking is restricted by the City criteria to one side of the street.
11. During snow clearing (which may occur within 12 hours of a snowfall exceeding 5 cm. of snowfall – see snow removal information on the City of Vaughan web site for detailed

information) permits will not be in effect, requiring the resident to ensure that the vehicle is not parked on the street, resulting in impeding the snow removal process.

12. Parking would be permitted for a 12 hour maximum period at one time.
13. In order to ensure that this pilot will be properly evaluated the following information will be gathered and used to assess the viability of permitted on-street parking. An assessment based on this data and any other helpful information will be provided to Council eleven months after approval of the pilot project.
 - a. Number of permits applied for
 - b. Number of permits granted
 - c. Revenue generated for permits
 - d. Administrative costs for the program
 - e. Historical and in-year information on revenue generated from illegal parking tickets on a sample number of streets where permits have been attained.
 - f. Infractions (failing to park in designated area, failing to remove vehicle during snow removal, etc) by permit holders
 - g. Positive comments from residents as a result of implementing the pilot project
 - h. Number of complaints or issues of concern relating to the pilot program raised by residents or those individuals providing services to our communities such as police, waste management, etc
 - i. Issues of concern or complaint raised by permit holders
 - j. Issues or concerns identified by staff involved in the operation of the pilot
14. Upon receipt of complaints or the advice of the City of Vaughan By-law Department, the permit will be reviewed and may be withdrawn at any time.

Background – Analysis and Options

City of Hamilton

The City of Hamilton offers different permits for two permit parking programs to assist residents with their parking needs and helps ease the shortage of parking in residential neighbourhoods. There are 92 residential permit areas in Hamilton and approximately 1,500 residential parking permit holders. To receive these privileges, residents must live in an area that allows permit parking. These programs are Permit Parking and Time Limit Parking.

Criteria applying to [Permit Parking](#) and [Time Limit Parking](#):

1. Reserved permit parking and time limit parking can be implemented on streets, or parts of streets, when a majority of residents through a petition, request the regulation and pending City Council's approval of a by-law.
2. The yearly fee is \$67.41 (includes GST) per permit (rate subject to change).
3. Vehicle ownership must reflect the resident's current address for which the parking regulation applies and must be shown before a permit may be issued.
4. Permits must be renewed on January 1st of each year.
5. Permits will be issued to residents of property immediately abutting the street within the Permit Parking regulation in a one, two or three family dwelling or in a designated area for Time Limit Parking.
6. The universal 12-hour parking time limit for all City streets applies to permit holders.
7. Permits are also available for residents who are confined to their homes and require essential services. These permits allow health care and other service workers to park their vehicles for up to two hours within the permit parking area.

8. Permits are issued only to passenger vehicles or commercial vehicles registered with the Ministry of Transportation as “Personal use only”. Permits are not issued to commercial vehicles such as trucks, buses, trailers, vehicles exceeding 6.4m (21’) in length, etc.

Permit Parking

The Permit Parking program assists residents of a specific street with their parking needs by prohibiting parking by all motorists, except abutting residents who have purchased the necessary parking permits. These streets are identified by the sign shown.

In addition to the [criteria described above](#), visitor parking is not allowed in permit parking areas, but loading and unloading may occur.

City of Toronto

Types of permits available and fees

Two types of permits are available in most areas: 6 & 12 month term resident-only permits; and, temporary (up to 8 weeks) resident or visitor permits.

- **6 & 12 Month:** Permits are issued to residents only on a six months basis although permits for two consecutive terms are available. Terms are from December to May and from June to November. All permits issued during a term will be effective until the end of that term.

Permit fees vary according to a priority system based on need as reflected below:

- No access to on-site parking for resident's first vehicle:
\$ 9.10/month (incl. GST)
 - No access to on-site parking for resident's second and any subsequent vehicles:
\$19.26/month (incl. GST)
 - Resident does have access to on-site parking (permit is for convenience):
\$26.75/month (incl. GST)
- **Temporary (resident/visitor):** Temporary parking permits may be obtained to provide weekly on-street parking within the limits of a permit parking street or area, provided space is available, up to a maximum of 8 consecutive weeks. The cost is \$10.70 (incl. GST) per week.

How permit parking is implemented

Permit parking is implemented on either a street name basis where parking is restricted to one specific street, or on an areas basis where a number of streets have been grouped into permit areas in order to maximize the available parking.

In areas-based permit parking, residents may park on any licensed street within their permit area, but are not guaranteed a parking space on their specific street. Area-based permit parking provides greater flexibility by enabling permit holders to park not only on their licensed street but on other licensed street within their area should space not be available on the street where they live. Within each permit area there may be significant differences in the operation hours of the permit parking program. For example, in the Toronto community, there are currently 54 unique combinations of permit parking operating hours which were developed over time, in consultation with area Councilors and community representatives in response to specific concerns e.g. long-term non-resident parking. These operation hours are clearly posted at regular intervals on each street licensed for permit parking within the area.

Restrictions for permit parking holders

A permit holder who parks on a street authorized for permit parking must park in a legal space during licensed parking hours shown on the signs on the street. Though subject to other existing traffic regulations, permit holders generally have the privilege of parking their vehicles overnight and are exempt from the 1, 2, and 3 hour parking restrictions. Conversely, vehicles without parking permits may be tagged if parked in parking spaces designated for those with permits. The permit parking by-law is enforced by Toronto Police Services, Parking Enforcement Unit. Contravention of the by-law may result in the loss of your permit parking privilege.

For a permit to remain in effect, the permit must be visible and affixed to the lower windshield on the driver's side, the vehicle registration must remain valid, and the validation sticker must be affixed to your licence plate.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council.

Attachments

none

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Respectfully submitted,

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