

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - DECEMBER 11, 2006

CIDERMILL AVENUE - ON STREET PARKING REVIEW

Recommendation

Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco recommends:

1. That an exemption to the maximum 3 hour limit be approved so as to permit on street parking from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the south side of Cidermill Avenue from 30 metres east of Edgeley Blvd to 30 metres west of Millway Avenue excluding the areas within 9 metres of driveway entrances;
2. That the existing parking prohibition on the north side of Cidermill Avenue be extended to Millway Avenue; and
3. That Engineering staff do the necessary studies to review the potential of installing pay and display parking on the south side of Cidermill Avenue as a pilot project for allowing all day on street parking in employment areas in the City of Vaughan.

Economic Impact

The installation of signs would be an impact to the 2006 Operating Budget, however, the cost can be absorbed in the approved budget.

Purpose

To provide an opportunity for area business employees to park their vehicles on Cidermill Avenue for periods in excess of the 3 hour maximum, during the work day.

Background - Analysis and Options

Cidermill Avenue is an industrial roadway that accommodates two travel lanes and two parking lanes. The existing speed limit on Cidermill Avenue is a statutory 50 km/hr. Currently, parking is allowed on the south side of Cidermill Avenue for a maximum of 3 hours as per the City Wide Consolidated Parking By-law.

Business owners at 499 Edgeley Boulevard are continuing to express concerns that there is not enough parking available at this location to accommodate both employee and customer parking. Previously, parking had been allowed on the south side of Cidermill Avenue from Edgeley Boulevard to the driveway of # 467 Edgeley Boulevard 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. There is a parking prohibition, anytime, on the north side of Cidermill Avenue from Edgeley Boulevard to the driveway of # 499 Edgeley Boulevard.

As a result of a complaint from an area business, the 3 hour maximum limit was reinstated by Council in October 2005 and reaffirmed by Council in May, 2006. Since the 3 hour maximum limit was reinstated on Cidermill Avenue, employees have been parking in fire routes and in spaces intended for visitors to businesses.

A meeting of local businesses was held during October 2006 to try to reach a solution to the ongoing concerns expressed both by persons wishing to have all day parking on the street and those opposed. Those opposed expressed concern that there had been double parking on the street while employees transferred equipment from their work vehicle to their personal vehicles and that cars had been parked too close to intersections and driveways.

At the meeting it was agreed if the safety hazards could be eliminated by ensuring no double parking and no blocking of driveway accesses, parking in excess of 3 hours would be acceptable on the south side of Cidermill. So that cars would not have to park close to driveways, the area where parking over 3 hour limit would be allowed could be extended east thereby providing more on street parking spaces.

At the meeting, the concern was also raised by those opposed that it was not the City's responsibility to provide parking for businesses. Therefore, the opportunity of a pay and display parking pilot project came up for the employment areas, with Cidermill Avenue being the test pilot for this project. As it was clear at the meeting that there are two groups divided on the issue of all day parking on Cidermill Avenue, it was thought that Pay and Display parking offered a fair and structured method for allowing parking on Cidermill Avenue.

Since October 2006, parking has been taking place on the south side of Cidermill Avenue on a trial basis for more then the 3 hour limit. Observations has shown that cars are being parked away from driveway entrances and in front of the buildings at # 115, 141 and 161 Cidermill and # 467 Edgeley. Double parking has not been reported. The parking activity has been conducted so as not to cause blocking of driveways or a hazard to vehicular traffic.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with Vaughan Vision 2007, "A", Serve our Citizens.

Conclusion

From the meeting with area businesses, it is concluded that allowing temporary parking on the south side of Cidermill Avenue for periods in excess of 3 hours, 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday will serve area businesses by ensuring that sufficient parking is available for employees and visitors and that fire routes around buildings will be kept free from parked vehicles. It is also concluded that the City would look at Pay and Display parking as a long-term solution for the parking issues on Cidermill Avenue.

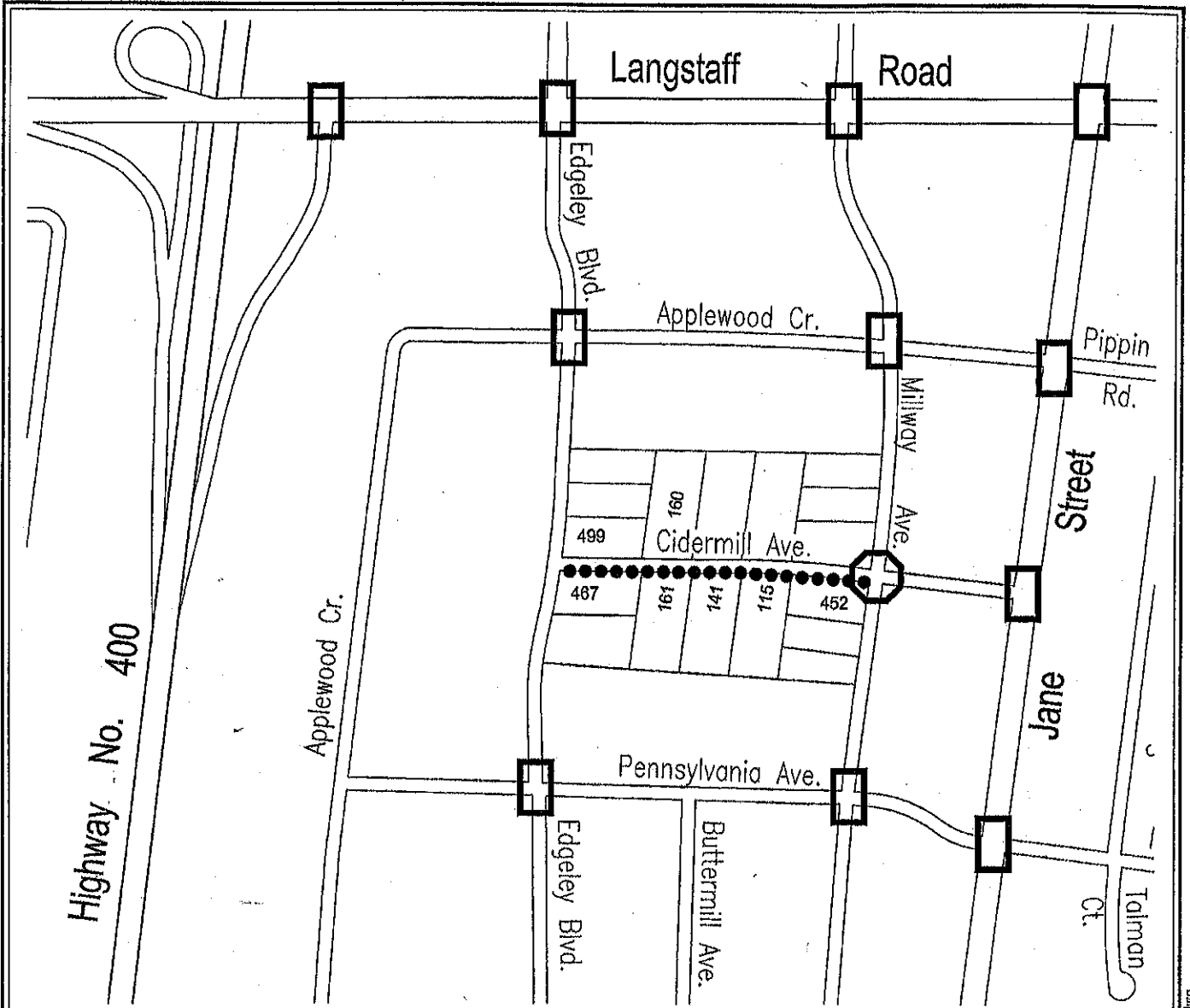
Attachments

1. Location Map

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco, Ward 4

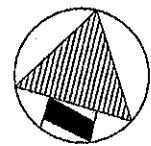
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LEGEND

- REVISED PARKING AREA
- EXISTING TRAFFIC SIGNALS
- EXISTING ALL-WAY STOP CONTROL



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