

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE JANUARY 22, 2007**

### **NO PARKING PROHIBITION- OSTER LANE**

Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco recommends:

1. That staff investigate the need for a No Parking prohibition on the north side of Oster Lane, between Rayette Road and Bowes Road, Monday through Friday; and
2. That staff report back to a future Committee of the Whole by March 2007.

### **Economic Impact**

N/A.

### **Purpose**

To deal with ongoing parking issues along Oster Lane from Rayette Road and Bowes Road.

### **Background - Analysis and Options**

My office has been in receipt of complaints regarding on street parking on both sides of Oster Lane, which in turn interferes with turning movements into and out of the driveways located along Oster Lane.

Currently, three hour on-street parking is allowed on Oster Lane. However, complaints have come forward regarding employees of several businesses on Oster Lane parking their vehicles along the roadway all day. As well, vehicles are often parked in front of the fire hydrant.

Complainants have expressed a safety concern with tractor trailers entering and exiting driveways along Oster Lane when vehicles are parked along both sides of Oster Lane, and to address these safety concerns, it is felt that No Parking prohibitions along one side of Oster Lane would be suited to this roadway.

### **Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007**

A-2 – Promote Community Safety, Health & Wellness

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

### **Conclusion**

In light of ongoing safety concerns on Oster Lane, it would be appropriate to investigate the need for No Parking prohibitions along the north side of Oster Lane, between Rayette Road and Bowes Road, Monday through Friday.

### **Attachments**

1. Letter from Conny Wong of Cooper Machine & Tool Co., 580 Oster Lane

### **Report prepared by:**

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Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Yeung Racco  
Councillor, Ward 4

**Furfaro, Cindy**

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**From:** Cooper Machine [Info@coopermachine.ca]  
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**To:** sandra.rocco@vaughan.ca; Furfaro, Cindy  
**Subject:** Parking Bylaw Complaint issue  
**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Red  
**Attachments:** Dsch5789.jpg; Dsch5788.jpg

Hello Sandra, Hello Cindy  
 I believe you are our councillor for Ward 4 and can help us.

We are Cooper Machine, a business located on 580 Oster Lane, Concord.  
 We are having Parking issues on our street.  
 I have been calling the Parking Bylaw Enforcement phone number at 905-832-8505 to process a complaint periodically for the past 2 years. I have only started keeping track of when I call since March 2006. I have called 9x since March this year, about every month to complain. So far, I do not see any results.  
 I would like to know what the point of having a complaint department set up if nothing is going to be done?  
 Each time I explain the situation to the person on the phone and nothing happens.  
 I will do the same now, hoping that you can escalate or help us out.

We are a machine manufacturer at 580 Oster Lane. We have large trucks coming in and out all the time.  
 Every business day (say Monday to Friday, 8:00 am - 3:30 pm) there are cars parked on Oster Lane.  
 My understanding of the bylaw is that they can park for max 3 hours.  
 I do not want to cause trouble with my neighbours, but they have not communicated to their employees proper parking instructions, even though we have requested from them many times politely.

If you ever have time to swing by here between here during the business day, you will see that the area near our shipping driveway on Oster Lane is fully parked with cars, sometimes on both sides of the road, even though there is a fire hydrant on our side.  
 We do not mind if cars are parked on the road, just not near the mouth of our shipping driveway.  
 I have had frustrated truck drivers leave, I have had to pay extra loading time because they waste time trying to pull in and out.  
 I have had deliveries damaged because the driver will go and over the curb to make it out.  
 This is unfair.

We have supplier deliveries every day. I don't bother the neighbours then. But when I am delivering a 50 ft truck of our finished machine product worth up to \$400,000, I am worried. Normally the sequence is that I will catch the driver trying to turn in from my office window. If no luck after 10 minutes I will walk over to the 2 neighbours to ask them to ask their employees to move their cars. They will say it is not theirs, they don't know who the cars belong to, or tell me to go ahead and call a tow truck (rarely, somebody will come out and move the car). I give up then will go out with other employees to help signal the truck in safely, standing in the middle of the road and tying up traffic. Or sometimes I ask him to make a circle and turn in to our driveway from another direction. I should not have to do this.

Our neighbour across the street at 575 Oster Lane at VLR has said we can put up a No Parking sign on their property so nobody parks on Oster Lane on their side. But that won't enforce anything. If the town could put up a legal sign on both sides of Oster Lane near or driveway, it would be the best solution in my opinion as nobody knows/cares for the 3 hour bylaw rule.

I could call the tow truck if the fire hydrant is being blocked, but sometimes the truck will be gone in 40 minutes so no point in calling them. Parking on our side is less frequent but does sometimes happen.

If you drive along Bowes Road, a more travelled road, you will never see a car on the side of the road, blocking

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truck driveways. But on Oster Lane because we are smaller, nobody cares. The 3-hour bylaw shouldn't even be allowed near driveway mouths. If this is a proper industrial area, it should be equipped for such. Also I cannot imagine in the winter with the snow banks and the cars how we will ship properly.

I know that the majority of those parking on the road are employees that belong Canadian Railings at 560 Oster Lane beside us, and to 575 Oster Lane VLR Food Corporation or their 2nd location on the other side of Canadian Railings. I see people leaving those buildings, assuming they are employees, and go to their cars at the end of each work day.

The last few times I have expressed doubt that any parking officer has come out at all. Each time I am told that the record shows an officer went out and that there was nobody parked there. This is impossible if I understand the bylaw correctly, or if they are coming in the afternoon or evening, or on a weekend. Last time I did ask what time the officer was there and it showed he came in the afternoon. So yes, after 3 hours it was closer to 5 pm and the road is almost clear because the business day is over. I have also been told that the officer doesn't come out immediately when I call. That is understandable, but not when I have been calling 9x since March 2006. That is plenty of time to issue some tickets or some more effective measures.

I have also told the parking bylaw complaint personnel that I don't want them to necessarily ticket the whole street (also I am very worried that there will be retaliation) but just to the few cars directly near the mouth of our driveway on both sides of Oster Lane.

I also think it is the employer that should be warned/ticketed if they are not instructing their personnel, tracking where they park, or not providing them enough parking space on their private property. That is why I think an official town No Parking sign erected on both sides of Oster Lane near the mouth of our shipping driveway would be much more effective and better. Employees will not dare to park there if they see that and will be forced to park properly, I could call towing if people park there, and I do not have to worry about being personally attacked if tickets are issued.

I have included a photo of a typical scenario. Long shipping trucks need to make wide turns. So for example, if they are coming in from Bowes Road to Oster Lane, they should be close to the opposite curb to turn into our driveway. But they cannot because it is all cars there.

Thank you for your patience.  
I look forward to your feedback.

Best regards,  
Conny Wong

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