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PARKING REGULATIONS WOODBINE AVENUE SOUTH OF ELGIN MILLS ROAD WOODBINE AVENUE SOUTH OF STOUFFVILLE ROAD TOWNS OF MARKHAM AND WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE

The Transportation and Works Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report, December 13, 2006, from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works:

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. A “No Parking Zone” be implemented on both sides of Woodbine Avenue (Y.R. 8), from the south limit of Reflection Road to 500 metres south of the south limit of Reflection Road, in the Town of Markham.
2. A “No Parking Zone” be implemented on both sides of Woodbine Avenue (Y.R. 8), from 515 metres south of the south limit of Union Street to 1,000 metres south of the south limit of Union Street, in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.
3. The Regional Solicitor prepare the necessary by-laws.
4. The Regional Clerk forward this report to the Clerks of the Towns of Markham and Whitchurch-Stouffville and to the Chief of York Regional Police, with a request for enforcement, as their resources permit.

2. PURPOSE

This report proposes that parking restrictions be implemented on the east and west side of Woodbine Avenue in the vicinity of Reflection Road to address a request from staff of the Town of Markham. A residential development is currently being constructed on the west side of Woodbine Avenue north of Elgin Mills Road. Residents of these homes are frequently parking, for both short and long durations, on the shoulder of Woodbine Avenue. These vehicles cause safety concerns with motorists travelling on Woodbine Avenue.

This report also proposes that parking restrictions be implemented on the east and west side of Woodbine Avenue in the vicinity of Union Street to address a request from staff of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville. On a consistent basis, truck trailers are parked on Woodbine Avenue near Union Street, in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

A repair shop operates in this area and these trailers are often left overnight as there is not sufficient parking on the shop property. These trailers cause safety concerns with motorists travelling on Woodbine Avenue specifically during darkness.

A Regional by-law is required under the *Highway Traffic Act* before any such parking restriction by-law can be signed and enforced. A copy of the location plans is provided as *Attachment 1 and 2*.

3. BACKGROUND

Staff from the Towns of Markham and Whitchurch-Stouffville have requested the Region to consider implementing parking regulations on Woodbine Avenue in the vicinity of Union Street and on Woodbine Avenue in the vicinity of Reflection Road. These requests were prompted by a number of complaints from motorists travelling through these areas and the potential safety issues related to vehicles parked on the shoulder of Woodbine Avenue.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

Woodbine Avenue, north from Elgin Mills Road through to Stouffville Road, in the Towns of Markham and Whitchurch-Stouffville, is a two-lane, rural road with shoulders and ditches on both sides of the street. The daily traffic on this section is approximately 6,000 vehicles per day and the speed limit is 80-km per hour.

Shoulders on rural road sections are provided to allow evasive actions by motorists if needed and to accommodate stranded vehicles on an emergency basis. Parking regulations are often implemented on Regional roads in areas where parking of vehicles occurs on a regular and continuing basis.

Regional staff has confirmed that the shoulders of Woodbine Avenue in these two areas are being used continually for parking. The Region has parking restrictions of 3 hours on any road unless signed. However, in these areas there are no signs and any vehicle parked on the shoulder is damaging the shoulder and creating some safety concerns. Regional staff agree that parking prohibitions should be placed due to safety concerns.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The costs associated with the manufacture and installation of the necessary signs are included within the 2007 Roads Budget. In accordance with the Regional and Provincial offences agreements, the Towns of Markham and Whitchurch-Stouffville will retain any enforcement revenue.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

The implementation of these parking regulations was requested by the Towns of Markham and Whitchurch-Stouffville to address safety concerns of motorists. The implementation of these regulations will eliminate parking on the shoulder and will improve the operational safety of Woodbine Avenue. In accordance with the agreement under the *Provincial Offences Act* for enforcement of Regional by-laws, the revenues will be retained by the local municipalities.

7. CONCLUSION

This report is in response to a request from staff of the Towns of Markham and Whitchurch-Stouffville for the Region to implement parking regulations on Woodbine Avenue near Reflection Road and Union Street. To address this request, it is recommended that the following changes in the parking by-laws be implemented:

- a) A “No Parking Zone” be implemented on both sides of Woodbine Avenue, from the south limit of Reflection Road to 500 metres south of the south limit of Reflection Road, in the Town of Markham.
- b) A “No Parking Zone” be implemented on both sides of Woodbine Avenue, from 515 metres south of the south limit of Union Street to 1,000 metres south of the south limit of Union Street, in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

By-law enforcement staff of the Towns of Markham and Whitchurch-Stouffville, in accordance with the Regional and Provincial offences agreements will carry out enforcement of this Regional by-law. The Regional Clerk should, therefore, forward this report and the adopted by-law to the Clerks of the Towns of Markham and Whitchurch-Stouffville and to the Chief of York Regional Police.

For more information on this report contact Brian Harrison, Director of Operations of the Roads Branch in the Transportation and Works Department at extension 5205.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(The attachments referred to in this clause were included in the agenda for the January 10, 2007 Committee meeting.)