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NO PARKING ANYTIME ZONE DUFFERIN STREET, KEELE STREET AND WOODBINE AVENUE TOWNSHIP OF KING AND TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE

The Transportation and Works Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report, January 25, 2008, from the Commissioner of Transportation Services:

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. A “No Parking Anytime” zone be established on both sides of Dufferin Street (Y.R. 53), from the south limit of King Road (Y.R. 11) to 300 metres south of the south limit of King Road (Y.R. 11), in the Township of King.
2. A “No Parking Anytime” zone be established on both sides of Keele Street (Y.R. 6), from the south limit of Elizabeth Grove to the north limit of McDonald Street, in the Township of King.
3. A “No Parking Anytime” zone be established immediately on the west side of Woodbine Avenue (Y.R. 8), from the south limit of Aurora Road (Y.R. 15) to 100 metres south of Joyce Boulevard, in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.
4. The Regional Solicitor prepare the necessary by-law.
5. The Regional Clerk forward this report to the Clerk of the Township of King, the Clerk of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville and to the Chief of York Regional Police, for enforcement as their resources permit.

2. PURPOSE

This report implements “No Parking Anytime” zones at locations on three Regional roads. The implementation of these zones will assist by-law staff of the local municipalities to enforce the “No Parking” by-law which will also prohibit vehicles from stopping on boulevard areas or shoulders of these Regional roads.

3. BACKGROUND

Vehicles stopping on boulevard areas or shoulders in close proximity of live traffic lanes create safety concerns for pass-by traffic, patrons of commercial establishments, and

residents of the area. Vehicles parked on shoulders can create visibility restrictions for motorists exiting from access points. These vehicles cause conflicts with drivers travelling on these roads and result in traffic safety concerns. In addition to these safety concerns, noise pollution is created by the unnecessary idling of vehicles parked while the occupant is away from the vehicle. Also, during winter months, vehicles parked on the shoulder create problems for snow removal. The snow plough pushes snow from the paved road to the right which blocks vehicles on the shoulder from accessing the road and when vehicles are parked on the shoulder, the shoulder cannot be cleared.

“No Parking Anytime” zones are often implemented on Regional roads in areas where parking of vehicles occurs on a regular and continuing basis. To address the traffic safety concerns in these areas, it is proposed that a “No Parking Anytime” zone be implemented immediately.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

Dufferin Street south of King Road

Dufferin Street, south of King Road, in the Township of King, (*see Attachment 1*) is a rural two-lane roadway with auxiliary lanes at the intersection. A gas bar and coffee shop are located directly on the south-west corner of the intersection. Vehicles, particularly heavy trucks, are often parked on the shoulder of Dufferin Street while their occupants frequent the coffee shop.

Regional staff received a concern regarding vehicles parking on the shoulders of Dufferin Street. The coffee shop on the south-west corner of the intersection creates traffic concerns particularly with trucks parking on the shoulder while visiting this establishment. This “No Parking Anytime” zone is located in close proximity to the signalized intersection of Dufferin Street and King Road and will improve overall safety of the area.

Keele Street south of Elizabeth Grove

Keele Street south of Elizabeth Grove, in the Township of King, (*see Attachment 2*) is an urban four-lane roadway that becomes a rural four-lane roadway as it continues south. A GO train station is situated in the area attracting a large number of commuters. Vehicles are often parked on the shoulder and boulevard of Keele Street for a long duration while their occupants commute to their destination. Recently the parking area of the GO station was expanded but motorists continue to park on the shoulder of Keele Street creating safety concerns. A recent review of this area revealed the new parking area is almost fully occupied, with some vacant spaces, and there were still vehicles parked on the shoulder of Keele Street.

Regional staff received a resolution from the Council of the Township of King to prohibit the parking of vehicles on both sides Keele Street from Elizabeth Grove to McDonald Street. This “No Parking Anytime” zone will improve overall safety of the area and prohibit parking of vehicles in unwanted areas.

Woodbine Avenue South of Aurora Road

Woodbine Avenue south of Aurora Road, in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville (see *Attachment 3*) is a rural two-lane roadway with auxiliary lanes at the intersection. Commercial properties exist on both sides of Woodbine Avenue which are frequented by motorists. Vehicles, particularly heavy trucks, are often parked on the shoulder of Woodbine Avenue for a long duration.

Regional staff received a concern from Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville by-law staff regarding vehicles parking on the shoulders of Woodbine Avenue. Town staff frequently receives complaints regarding vehicles parked in this area, and as there are currently no prohibitions in place, it is not possible to enforce parking at this location.

This “No Parking Anytime” zone will allow staff of the Town to enforce parking on Woodbine Avenue and will improve overall safety of the area.

By-law Enforcement

These “No Parking Anytime” zones will be signed and monitored by the Region with enforcement carried out by each of the local municipality’s by-law enforcement staff. The Regional Clerk should, therefore, forward this report and the resulting “No Parking Anytime” by-law to the Clerks of the Township of King and the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, with a request to carry out enforcement of the “No Parking Anytime” zone.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost associated with manufacturing and installing the “No Parking Anytime” signs is included within the 2008 Roads Budget. In accordance with the Regional and Provincial Offences Agreements, the local municipalities will retain any revenue that is generated by enforcing these prohibitions.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

Local municipal staff have been consulted and agree to the implementation of these “No Parking Anytime” regulations. The enforcement of this by-law will be carried out by each if the by-law enforcement staff of the Township of King and the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville. These prohibitions will improve safety on these Regional roads for commuters and residents of the area. In accordance with the *Provincial Offences Act*

for enforcement of Regional by-laws, the revenue will be retained by the local municipality.

7. CONCLUSION

To address traffic safety concerns with respect to vehicles stopping on Dufferin Street, Keele Street, and Woodbine Avenue, the implementation of a “No Parking Anytime” regulation on each Regional road is proposed. The local municipality’s by-law enforcement officers, 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 by-law to the Clerk of the Township of King and the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville and to York Regional Police.

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

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(The attachments referred to in this clause were included in the agenda for the February 6, 2008 Committee meeting.)