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NO STOPPING AND NO PARKING ANYTIME ZONE WARDEN AVENUE, NORTH OF RAVENSHOE ROAD WOODBINE AVENUE SOUTH OF VANDORF ROAD TOWNS OF GEORGINA AND WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE

The Transportation Services Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report dated February 18, 2010, from the Commissioner of Transportation Services.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. A “No Stopping Anytime” zone be established on the east and west side of Warden Avenue (Y.R. 65), from the north limit of Ravenshoe Road (Y.R. 32) to 1000 metres north of the north limit of Ravenshoe Road (Y.R. 32), in the Town of Georgina.
 2. A “No Parking Anytime” zone be established on the east side of Woodbine Avenue (Y.R. 8), from the south limit of Vandorf Road to 70 metres south of the south limit of Vandorf Road, in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.
 3. The Regional Solicitor prepare the necessary by-laws.
1. The Regional Clerk forward this report to the Clerks of the Towns of Georgina and Whitchurch-Stouffville and to the Chief of York Regional Police, for enforcement as their resources permit.

2. PURPOSE

This report implements a “No Stopping Zone Anytime” and a “No Parking Anytime” zone on two Regional roads. These zones will prohibit vehicles from stopping and parking on boulevard areas or shoulders of these road sections. A Regional by-law is required before any no stopping or no parking prohibitions can be enforced.

3. BACKGROUND

Vehicles stopping on boulevard areas or shoulders in close proximity to live traffic lanes create safety concerns for pass-by traffic, patrons of commercial establishments, and residents of the area. During routine patrols, staff observed vehicles stopped on the shoulder of Warden Avenue north of Ravenshoe Road. On Woodbine Avenue south of Vandorf Road, staff received a verbal request from staff of the Town of Whitchurch-

Stouffville to consider implementing a prohibition to prevent regular and recurring parking of vehicles on the shoulder of Woodbine Avenue. In both cases, visibility restrictions can be created for motorists exiting from access points when vehicles are parked or stopped in the area. These vehicles cause conflicts with drivers travelling on these roads and result in traffic safety concerns. 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 Stopping and 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 outlined as follows, it is proposed these prohibitions be implemented immediately.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

Warden Avenue north of Ravenshoe Road is a two lane rural roadway with narrow shoulders where trucks are stopping to wait for an extended time period

Warden Avenue, north of Ravenshoe Road, in the Town of Georgina, (*see Attachment 1*) is a rural two-lane roadway. An access to a York Region waste transfer facility is located on the west side of Warden Avenue approximately 700 metres north of Ravenshoe Road. Vehicles, particularly heavy trucks, are often stopped on the shoulder of both sides of Warden Avenue waiting for the facility to open.

During routine maintenance patrols of this section of Warden Avenue, Regional roads staff has regularly observed trucks stopping on the shoulders of Warden Avenue. A site investigation was conducted and it was determined that the implementation of this “No Stopping Anytime” zone will improve overall safety of the area.

Transportation Services staff have consulted with Environmental Services and have agreed to jointly seek solutions to avoid the safety issues generated by stopped trucks at the entrance to this facility. A review of operating hours and internal site traffic circulation will be undertaken to address the inconvenience to truckers of the implementation of the no stopping prohibition.

The entrance to the waste transfer facility is located approximately 700 metres north of Ravenshoe Road. Staff are recommending a stopping prohibition on both sides of Warden Avenue for a distance of 1000 metres north of Ravenshoe Road. This additional distance will prevent trucks from migrating north or south of the entrance which could perpetuate the concerns identified by staff.

Woodbine Avenue south of Vandorf Road is a two lane roadway where vehicles are parked for long durations and block sightlines from a nearby intersection

Woodbine Avenue south of Aurora Road, in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville (see *Attachment 2*) is a rural two-lane roadway with auxiliary lanes at its intersection of Vandorf Road. A commercial property exists on the east side of Woodbine Avenue and has an access approximately 80 metres south of Vandorf Road. Patrons of this establishment are often parked on the east shoulder of Woodbine Avenue, along the frontage of this commercial property, for a long duration. Staff of the Town frequently receives complaints regarding vehicles parked in this area as these parked vehicles impede sightlines for motorists exiting the east leg of Vandorf Road.

Regional staff received a concern from Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville by-law staff regarding vehicles parking on the shoulder at this location. The implementation of this “No Parking Anytime” zone will allow by-law enforcement staff to control parking on Woodbine Avenue to improve overall safety of the area.

Staff are recommending a parking prohibition on the east side of Woodbine Avenue for a distance of 70 metres south of Vandorf Road. This prohibition will prevent parked vehicles along the entire frontage of the commercial property.

By-law Enforcement for both of these prohibitions will be conducted by local municipal staff

The “No Stopping Anytime” and “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 by-law to the Clerks of the Towns of Georgina and Whitchurch-Stouffville, with a request to carry out enforcement of the “No Stopping Anytime” and “No Parking Anytime” zones.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost associated with manufacturing and installing the required signage is included within the current Transportation Services 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 has been consulted and agree to the implementation of these prohibitions. The enforcement of the by-laws will be carried out by each of the by-law

enforcement staff of the Town of Georgina 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

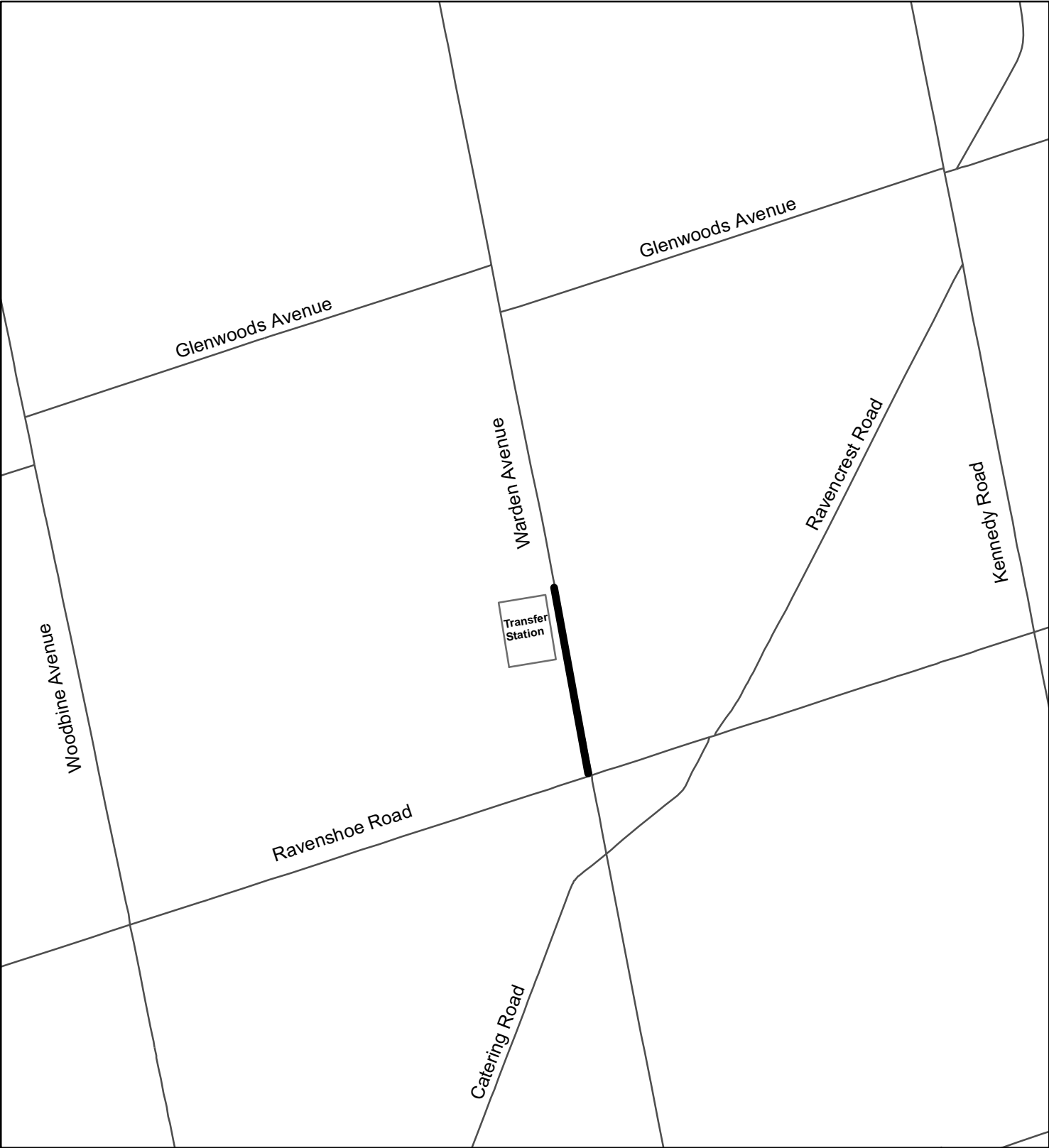
To address traffic safety concerns with respect to vehicles stopping or parking on Warden Avenue and Woodbine Avenue, the implementation of a “No Stopping Anytime” on Warden Avenue and a “No Parking Anytime” on Woodbine Avenue is proposed. The local municipality’s by-law enforcement officers, in accordance 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 by-laws to the Clerks of the Towns of Georgina and Whitchurch-Stouffville and to York Regional Police.

For more information on this report, please contact Steven Kemp, Director, Traffic Management and Intelligent Transportation Systems at extension 5226.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(The two attachments referred to in this clause were included in the agenda for the March 3, 2010 Committee meeting).

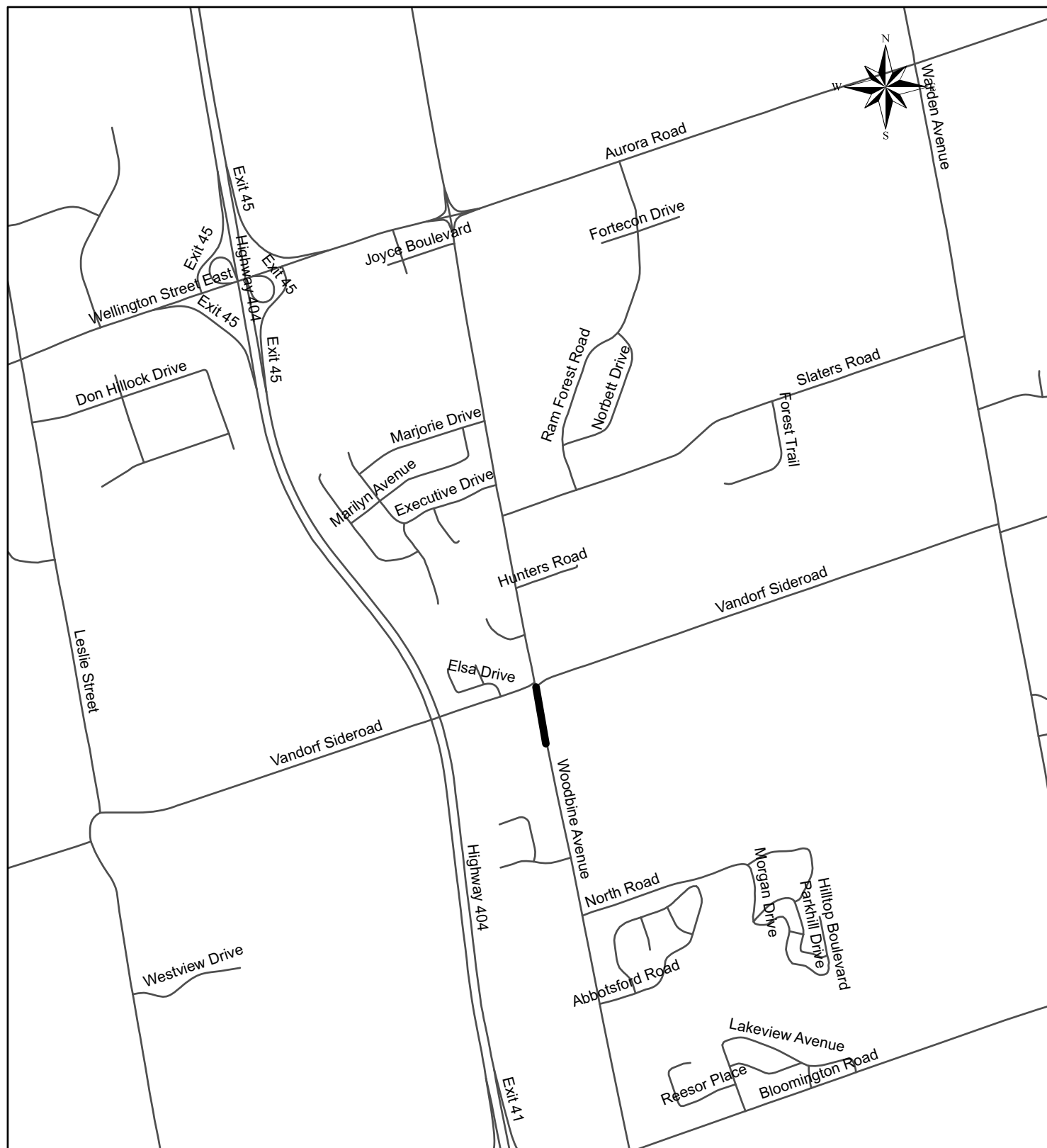


LOCATION PLAN

Stopping Regulation
Warden Avenue
Town of Georgina

Study Area 





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Parking Regulations

Woodbine Avenue

Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville

Study Area 



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