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NO PARKING ANYTIME RESTRICTION METRO ROAD TO FERNCROFT DRIVE TOWN OF GEORGINA

(Regional Council at its meeting on June 23, 2005 referred the following report to the September 7, 2005 Transportation and Works Committee meeting for further review.)

The Transportation and Works Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report, June 1, 2005, from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works:

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. A “No Parking Anytime” zone be established on the both sides of Metro Road (Y.R. 78), from the north limit of Old Homestead Road (Y.R. 79) to the south limit of Ferncroft Drive, in the Town of Georgina.
2. The Regional Solicitor prepare the necessary by-law.
3. The Regional Clerk forward a copy of this report to the Clerk of the Town of Georgina and to the Chief of York Regional Police.

2. PURPOSE

This report proposes to place a “No Parking Anytime” zone on the both sides of Metro Road, north of Old Homestead Road, to improve traffic operations and safety, particularly in the area of Our Lady of the Lake Church located north of Old Homestead Road. A location plan is provided as *Attachment 1*. A Regional by-law is required under the *Highway Traffic Act* before any such no parking area can be signed and enforced.

3. BACKGROUND

Concerns have been raised regarding vehicles parking on both sides of Metro Road in the vicinity of Our Lady of the Lake Church. Vehicles parking on the east side of Metro Road while attending church services take up a portion of the northbound lane as a result of the narrow shoulders which cause vehicles travelling northbound to encroach over the centre line and into oncoming southbound traffic.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

Metro Road is a two-lane, undivided arterial roadway that carries an average of 4700 vehicles per day. The physical characteristics within this area include direct frontage homes, and a sidewalk on the east side of the road from The Queensway to Old Homestead Road. The speed limit throughout this section is 50-km per hour. North of Old Homestead Road the roadway characteristics change from an urban environment to a rural environment with narrow shoulders on both sides of the road. Metro Road is a two-lane rural roadway with narrow shoulders and no sidewalks north of Old Homestead Road. Vehicles parked along Metro Road during church services have raised concerns for both pedestrians and motorists travelling on Metro Road.

To assist the church with parking there is additional parking provided at the St. Thomas Aquinas school located off of Old Homestead Road with a connecting sidewalk from the school to the church eliminating the need to park vehicles on Metro Road.

To address the safety concerns, it is proposed that a “No Parking Anytime” zone on both sides of Metro Road be established, from the north limit of Old Homestead Road to the south limit of Ferncroft Drive. The “No Parking Anytime” zone will be signed and monitored by The Regional Municipality of York with enforcement carried out through the by-law staff for the Town of Georgina. The Regional Clerk should, therefore, forward a copy of this report and the resulting “No Parking Anytime” by-law to the Clerk of the Town of Georgina, with a request to carryout enforcement of the “No Parking Anytime” zone.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The costs associated with the manufacture and installation of the “No Parking Anytime” signs is included within the 2005 Roads Transportation Program Budget. In accordance with the Regional and Provincial Offences Agreements, the Town of Georgina will retain any enforcement revenue.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

Town of Georgina staff has been consulted and have agreed to the implementation of a “No Parking Anytime” regulation on Metro Road. The enforcement of this by-law will be carried out by the by-law enforcement staff of the Town of Georgina. In accordance with the agreement under the *Provincial Offences Act* for enforcement of Regional by-laws, the revenues will be retained by the Town of Georgina.

7. CONCLUSION

To address safety concerns with parked vehicles on Metro Road, the implementation of a “No Parking Anytime” regulation is proposed on the both sides of Metro Road, from Old Homestead Road to Ferncroft Drive. By-law enforcement staff of the Town of Georgina, in accordance with the Regional and Provincial Offences Agreements, will carry out enforcement of this Regional by-law.

The Regional Clerk should, therefore, forward a copy of this report and the adopted by-law to the Clerk of the Town of Georgina and York Regional Police.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(The attachment referred to in this clause was included in the agenda for the June 15, 2005 Committee meeting.)