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### **PARKING CONTROL REVISIONS REGIONAL ROAD NETWORK**

**The Transportation Services Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report dated June 13, 2012, from the Commissioner of Transportation and Community Planning.**

#### **1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that:

1. Council authorize rescinding thirty parking and stopping restrictions listed in *Attachment 1*.
2. The Regional Solicitor prepare an amendment to Bylaw R-1102-96-100 to give effect to these recommendations.
3. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to the Clerks of the local municipalities and to the Chief of York Regional Police.

#### **2. PURPOSE**

Regional staff has conducted a comprehensive review of all parking control bylaws on the Regional road network. This report is to rescind 30 parking control bylaws identified during this review that are no longer required.

#### **3. BACKGROUND**

**Parking and stopping are permitted on Regional roads subject to controls in the *Highway Traffic Act***

The *Highway Traffic Act* stipulates that parking and stopping on a roadway is permitted as long as there is no less than 125 metres clear view of approaching vehicles in each direction. Also, vehicles cannot be parked in such a manner as to interfere with the movement of traffic or the clearing of snow.

The following general regulations are stipulated in the regulations made under the *Highway Traffic Act*:

- No parking in such a manner as to obstruct a sidewalk, a crosswalk, an entrance on the highway to, or from, a private road or lane, and an entranceway for vehicles to pass between the highway and land contiguous to the highway.
- No parking within three metres of a point in the edge of the roadway that is nearest a fire hydrant.
- No parking on or within 100 metres of a bridge over, under or across which the highway passes.
- No parking within nine metres of an intersection.
- No parking within 15 metres of the intersection equipped with a signal-light traffic control system.
- No parking within 15 metres of the nearest rail of a level railway crossing.
- No parking in a position or place that prevents or is likely to prevent the removal of any vehicle already parked on the highway.
- No parking for a longer period than three consecutive hours.

**A bylaw is required to prohibit parking and stopping at specific locations on a Regional road for those circumstances not governed by the general regulations in the *Highway Traffic Act***

In addition to the provisions of the *Highway Traffic Act*, it may be necessary for the sake of safety and traffic operations to enact parking controls at selected locations to prohibit/control parking or stopping. These prohibitions/controls could be temporary or permanent and they work 24/7 or for specific day and time periods.

Accordingly, Regional Council enacted Bylaw R-1102-96-100 (the “Bylaw”), restricting parking and stopping in designated locations at specific times.

Parking and Stopping control bylaws are used to restrict parking and stopping for all vehicles at specified locations. “No Parking” defines a designated area of a roadway where vehicles are not permitted to park. A standard No Parking sign, in accordance with the *Highway Traffic Act*, is shown in *Figure 1*.

**Figure 1**  
No Parking Sign



Stopping is different from parking where “No Stopping” refers to a driver stopping a vehicle in the curb lane for any reason, except when legally required to do so, for example at a STOP sign. A standard No Stopping sign, in accordance with the *Ontario Traffic Manual Book 5*, is shown in Figure 2.

**Figure 2**  
No Stopping Sign



**The date and time periods specified indicate when the parking or stopping control regulation applies**

The days of the week and specified time periods for which parking control regulations apply must be shown below the parking control symbol. A standard No Parking with days and times is shown in Figure 3.

**Figure 3**  
No Parking with Dates and Times Sign



If no days and times are specified, the parking control regulation is in effect 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

#### **4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS**

##### **Staff identified provisions in the Bylaw that should be rescinded**

The Bylaw and its various amendments provide for a total of 252 parking and stopping restrictions. Regional staff has conducted an investigation to confirm the need for these restrictions as part of ongoing monitoring of roadways. This investigation determined that 30 parking controls are no longer required.

Of the 30 parking restrictions, Regional staff identified 24 No Parking and six No Stopping provisions that were implemented between 1996 and 2007. York Regional Police and/or municipal bylaw enforcement officers enforce parking and stopping restrictions at these locations.

During staff review, it became apparent that the majority of these locations currently do not have parking control signs. This is attributed to not replacing signs after road improvements, vandalism and damage due to collisions.

**Changing travel patterns and changing land use require periodic review of parking regulations**

Highway 7 has curbs and increased traffic volumes making it undesirable to park a vehicle on this road section. In addition, due to limited destinations in their vicinity there is no demand for drivers to park/stop at these locations. Therefore, staff recommend that a total of 30 parking control bylaws be rescinded on the Regional road network. *Attachment 1* lists the proposed parking control restrictions to be rescinded and *Attachments 2, 3, 4, and 5* show the location maps.

### **Link to Key Council-approved Plans**

Vision 2026 — promoting safety on York Region roads through effective policing, education and sensitive design.

## **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The costs associated with staff review time and the removal of signs are included within the 2012 Transportation and Community Planning Budget.

The Provincial Court of Justice approves the parking set fines for the Region in order to enforce the parking control bylaws.

## **6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT**

The recommended no parking and no stopping revisions relate to the Regional road system, however local municipal staff have been advised of the proposed parking control changes within this report.

The concerns raised include, delivery vehicles stopping/parking in traffic lanes to unload goods to businesses, and vehicles blocking bike lanes. The concerns raised are enforced under the *Highway Traffic Act Section 170 (12)*, “No Person shall park or stand a vehicle on a highway in such a manner as to interfere with the movement of traffic or the clearing of snow from the highway.”

## **7. CONCLUSION**

Regional staff has initiated a review of the existing No Parking and No Stopping bylaws on several road sections as described within this report. The restrictions are no longer required due to changes in traffic patterns, environmental conditions and road geometry.

This will result in the removal of existing parking control signs and permit motorists to park for a maximum of three hours or stop in the curb lane as per the general parking restriction in the *Highway Traffic Act*. This will promote community living in built up areas, where motorists will be permitted to park and access local businesses. In addition,

this will reduce the number of signs thereby reducing sign clutter and sign maintenance activities.

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 five attachments referred to in this clause are attached to this report.)*

# COUNCIL ATTACHMENT 1

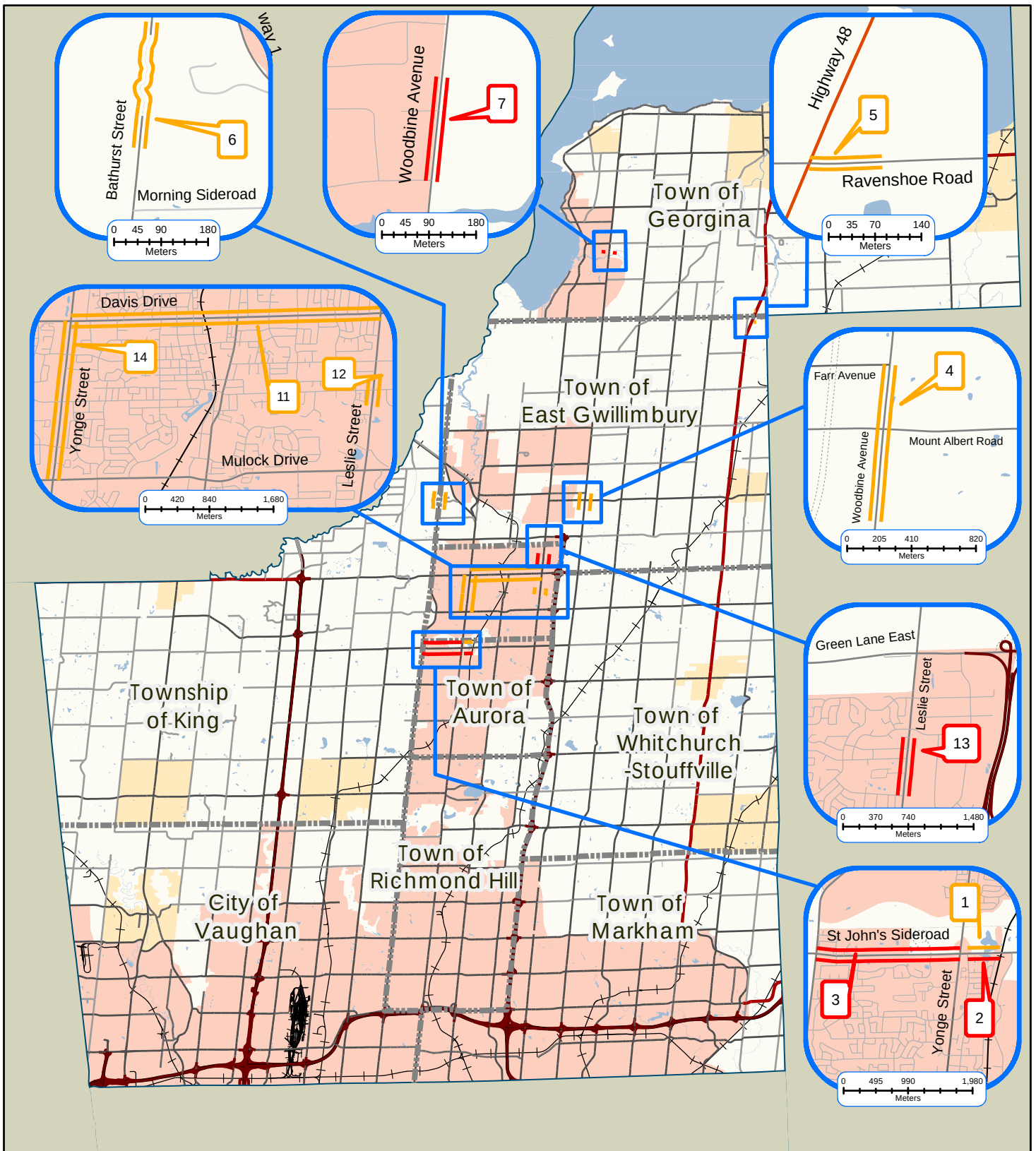
## Proposed Parking Control Bylaws to be Rescinded

| Attachment               | Map Index | Road                  | Road Section                                                                               | Side  | Bylaw               | Signs Present                     |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Town of Aurora           |           |                       |                                                                                            |       |                     |                                   |
| 2                        | 1         | St. John's Sideroad   | 500 metres east of Old Yonge Street to Old Yonge Street                                    | North | No Parking Anytime  | No                                |
| 2                        | 3         |                       | Bathurst Street to Yonge Street                                                            | Both  | No Stopping Anytime | No                                |
| 2                        | 2         |                       | Old Yonge Street to 500 easterly                                                           | South | No Stopping Anytime | No                                |
| Town of East Gwillimbury |           |                       |                                                                                            |       |                     |                                   |
| 2                        | 6         | Bathurst Street       | 500 metres north of Morning Sideroad to 1550 metres north Morning Sideroad                 | Both  | No Parking Anytime  | Limited Signage                   |
| 2                        | 4         | Woodbine Avenue       | 589 metres south of Mount Albert Road to Farr Ave                                          | Both  | No Parking Anytime  | No                                |
| Town of Georgina         |           |                       |                                                                                            |       |                     |                                   |
| 2                        | 5         | Ravenshoe Road        | Highway 48 to 110 metres east of Highway 48                                                | Both  | No Parking Anytime  | No                                |
| 2                        | 7         | Woodbine Avenue       | Riveredge Drive to 200 metres north of Riveredge Drive                                     | Both  | No Parking Anytime  | Yes                               |
| Town of Markham          |           |                       |                                                                                            |       |                     |                                   |
| 5                        | 8         | Elgin Mills           | Woodbine Avenue to 305 metres west of Woodbine Avenue                                      | North | No Parking Anytime  | No                                |
| 5                        | 9         | Ninth Line            | Highway 7 to 1,200 metres north of Highway 7                                               | Both  | No Parking Anytime  | No                                |
| 5                        | 10        | Woodbine Avenue       | Steeles Avenue to 25 metres north of John Street/Esna Park Drive                           | Both  | No Parking Anytime  | No                                |
| Town of Newmarket        |           |                       |                                                                                            |       |                     |                                   |
| 2                        | 11        | Davis Drive           | Leslie Street to Highway 11                                                                | Both  | No Parking Anytime  | No                                |
| 2                        | 12        | Leslie Street         | 215 metres south of Gorham Street to 185 north of Gorham St                                | Both  | No Parking          | No                                |
| 2                        | 13        |                       | North limit of Wayne Drive to 130 metres north of the north limit of Janette Street        | Both  | No Stopping Anytime | Limited Signage                   |
| 2                        | 14        | Yonge Street          | Mulock Drive to Highway 9                                                                  | Both  | No Parking Anytime  | Limited Signage                   |
| Town of Richmond Hill    |           |                       |                                                                                            |       |                     |                                   |
| 4                        | 15        | Elgin Mills Road      | 30 metres east of Edward Avenue to 30 metres west of Newkirk Road                          | Both  | No Parking Anytime  | No                                |
| 4                        | 16        | Major Mackenzie Drive | Bayview Avenue to Yonge Street                                                             | South | No Parking Anytime  | Limited Signage                   |
| City of Vaughan          |           |                       |                                                                                            |       |                     |                                   |
| 4                        | 20        | Bathurst Street       | 100 metres south of Milner Gate/Chabad Gate to 100 metres north of Milner Gate/Chabad Gate | Both  | No Parking Anytime  | No                                |
| 4                        | 17        |                       | 15 metres south of Birch Avenue to 15 metres north of Shaw Boulevard                       | Both  | No Parking Anytime  | No                                |
| 4                        | 18        | Highway 7             | Chalmers Road to Maple Sugar Lane                                                          | South | No Parking Anytime  | No                                |
| 4                        | 19        |                       | Doncrest Road to Maple Sugar Lane                                                          | North | No Parking Anytime  | No                                |
| 3                        | 21        |                       | 1198 metres west of Keele Street to Costa Road                                             | South | No Parking Anytime  | Yes                               |
| 3                        | 25        |                       | Pine Valley Drive to Islington Avenue                                                      | Both  | No Parking Anytime  | Limited Signage (South Side Only) |

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| 3                                     | 24        | Highway 7        | Kipling Avenue to Highway 27                                             | Both  | No Parking Anytime  | Limited Signage (South Side Only) |
| 3                                     | 22        |                  | 1997 metres west of Highway 27 to 2100 metres westerly                   | North | No Parking Anytime  | Yes                               |
| 3                                     | 23        |                  | Kipling Avenue to McKenzie Street                                        | South | No Parking Anytime  | Yes                               |
| 3                                     | 26        | Islington Avenue | Major Mackenzie Drive to Sunset Ridge                                    | Both  | No Stopping Anytime | Yes (East Side Only)              |
| 3                                     | 28        | Keele Street     | Highway 7 to 100 metres north of Langstaff Road                          | Both  | No Parking Anytime  | Limited Signage                   |
| 3                                     | 27        |                  | 280 metres north of Langstaff Road to 630 metres north of Langstaff Road | Both  | No Stopping Anytime | No                                |
| 3                                     | 29        | Rutherford Road  | 100 metres east of Jane Street to Highway 400                            | Both  | No Stopping Anytime | Limited Signage                   |
| <b>Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville</b> |           |                  |                                                                          |       |                     |                                   |
| 5                                     | 30        | Woodbine Avenue  | Bloomington Road to 100 metres north of Bloomington Road                 | Both  | No Parking Anytime  | No                                |



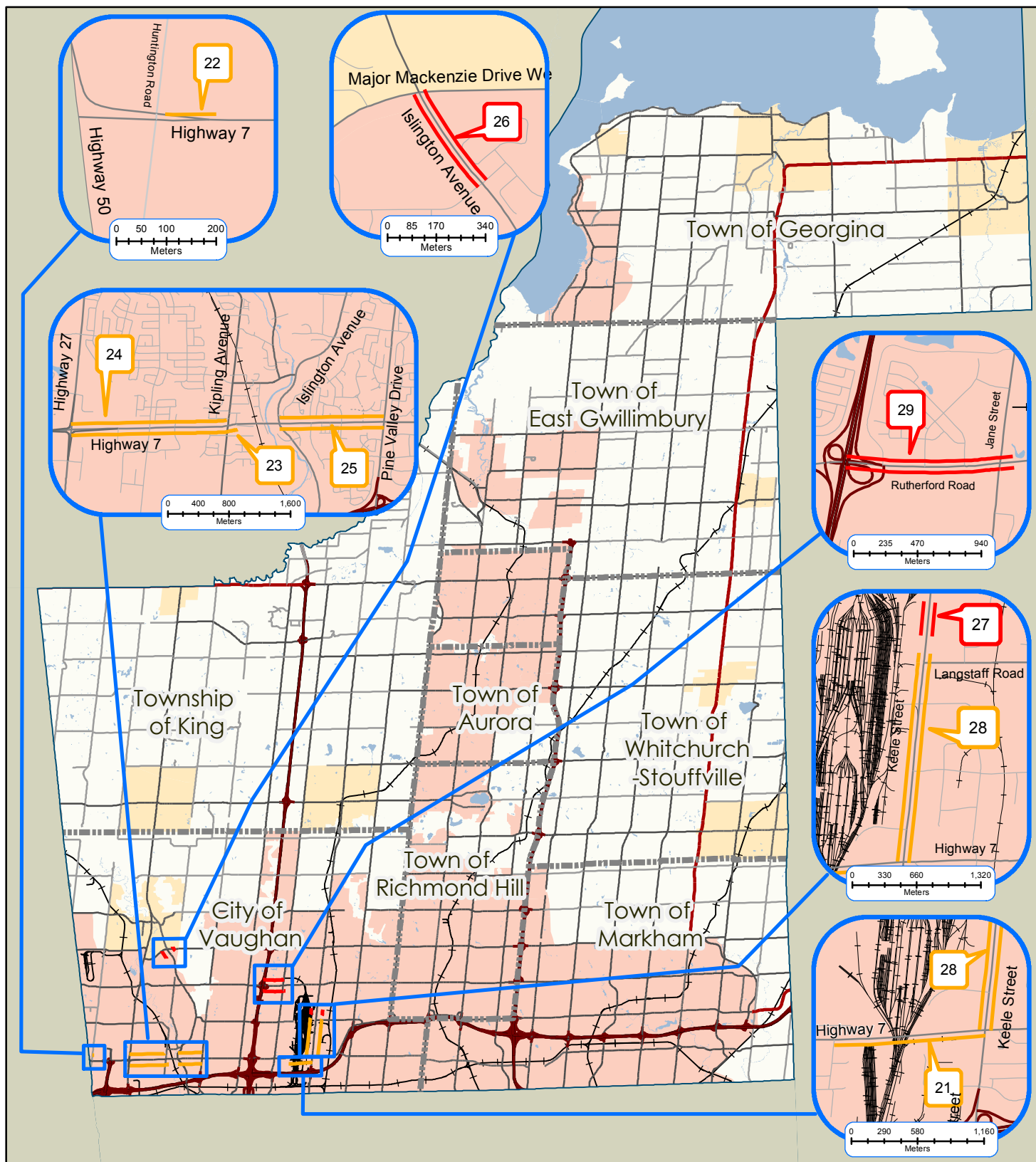


# Proposed Parking Control Bylaws to be Rescinded: North & Central Areas



Existing No Stopping Bylaw —  
Existing No Parking Bylaw —

0 3,000 6,000 12,000 18,000 24,000 Metres

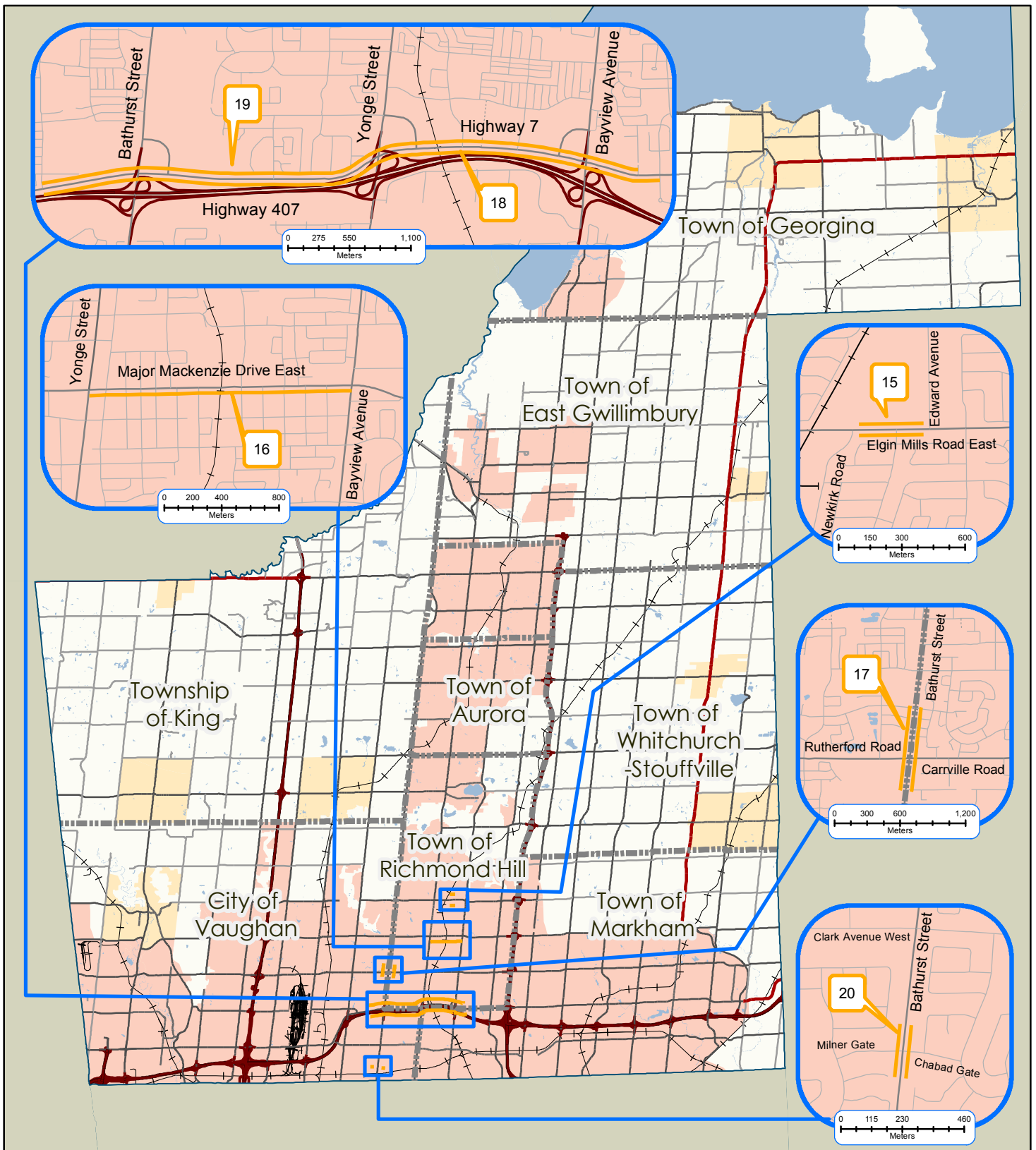


# Proposed Parking Control Bylaws to be Rescinded: South West Area



Existing No Stopping Bylaw —  
Existing No Parking Bylaw —

0 2,875 5,750 11,500 17,250 23,000 Meters



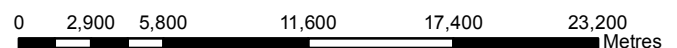
# **Proposed Parking Control Bylaws to be Rescinded: South Central Area**

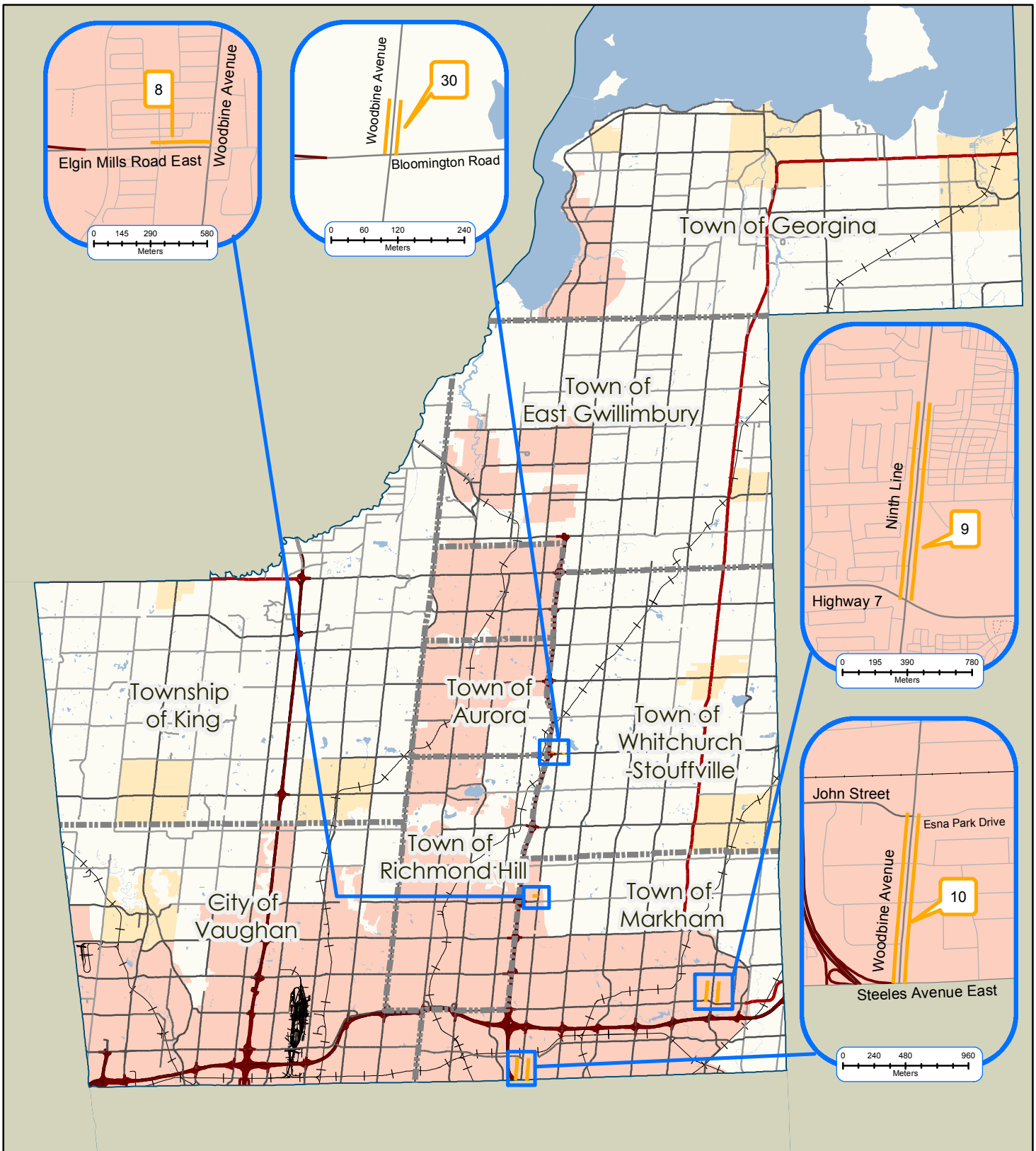


Existing No Stopping Bylaw



Existing No Parking Bylaw





# **Proposed Parking Control Bylaws to be Rescinded: Central and South East Areas**



Existing No Stopping Bylaw



Existing No Parking Bylaw



0 2,950 5,900 11,800 17,700 23,600 Metres