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DISABLED PARKING
PROSPECT STREET, TOWN OF NEWMARKET

The Transportation and Works Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report, August 6, 2003, from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works:

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. A disabled parking space be designated in front of the York Regional Police Station on Prospect Street (Y.R. 34), approximately 25 metres north of the north limit of Water Street (Y.R. 5).
2. The Regional Solicitor be directed to prepare the necessary by-law.
3. The Regional Clerk forward a copy of this report to the Clerk of the Town of Newmarket and to the Chief of York Regional Police.

2. PURPOSE

This report proposes the designation of one of the existing on-street parking spaces along the west side of Prospect Street as a disabled parking space. A copy of the location plan is provided as *Attachment 1*. A Regional by-law is required with appropriate posting of signs before the proposed parking designation can be enforced.

3. BACKGROUND

Regional staff received a request from York Regional Police and concerned residents to provide a disabled parking space on Prospect Street in front of the York Regional Police Station.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

Prospect Street is a two-lane, two-way urban arterial roadway that carries approximately 10,000 vehicles per day. The section between Water Street and Timothy Street is essentially residential with sidewalks on both sides of the road. The posted speed limit is 50 km/h. The York Regional Police Station is located on the north-west corner of Prospect Street and Water Street. Currently, parking is permitted, for a maximum of two hours, along the west side of Prospect Street, from a point eighteen metres south of Timothy Street, to a point twenty-two metres north of the north limit of Water Street. A no stopping zone exists in the remaining section of Prospect Street southerly to the limit of Water Street.

The proposed disabled parking space is located on the west side of Prospect Street approximately 25 metres north of the north limit of Water Street. This location is near a sidewalk leading from the street to the York Regional Police Station to allow users access to the building. The Transportation and Works Department is in favour of designating the disabled parking space at this location as it will provide disabled patrons easier access to the York Regional Police Station.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The costs associated with the manufacture and installation of the signage and pavement markings designating the disabled parking space are included within the 2003 Roads Transportation Program Budget.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

The provision of the disabled parking space relates only to the Regional road system and has no direct local municipal impact.

7. CONCLUSION

It is recommended that one existing parking space along the west side of Prospect Street be designated as a disabled parking space. A Regional by-law is required before this disabled parking space can be designated and enforced. It is, therefore, recommended that the Regional Solicitor prepare the necessary by-law and that a copy of this report be forwarded to the Clerk of the Town of Newmarket and to the Chief of York Regional Police, with a request to enforce this new disabled parking space designation, as their resources permit.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(A copy of the attachment referred to in the foregoing has been forwarded to each Member of Council with the September 3, 2003 Transportation and Works Committee agenda and a copy thereof is on file in the Office of the Regional Clerk.)