

DATE: November 9, 2020

REPORT NO: PD-143-2020

SUBJECT: Recommendation Report Establishment of “No Parking” Zone on Gateway Avenue

CONTACT: Brian Treble, Director of Planning & Building

OVERVIEW:

- Township Planning and By-law staff have received several complaints relating to parking on Gateway Avenue at South Grimsby Road 6.
- The location of vehicles that are parked between Creekview Drive and South Grimsby Road 6, on both sides of Gateway Avenue, has caused trouble for the movement of traffic and specifically buses.
- Staff therefore recommend that the South Side of Gateway Avenue between South Grimsby Road 6 and Creekview Drive (a total length of 54 metres) be made a “No Parking” Zone such that vehicles would no longer be allowed to park on both sides of Gateway Avenue within the stretch between the two intersections.
- Once signs are installed, the maneuvering of buses and other vehicles at this intersection should be markedly improved.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That, Report PD-143-2020, regarding “Recommendation Report, Establishment of “No Parking” Zone on Gateway Avenue”, dated November 9th, 2020, be RECEIVED; and,
2. That, a by-law be passed to create a “No Parking” Zone on the South side of Gateway Avenue between South Grimsby Road 6 and Creekview Drive and that “No Parking” Signage be installed to enforce this by-law amendment.

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN:

Theme # 5

- Community Health and Safety

BACKGROUND:

With the construction of St. Martin Catholic Elementary School in the Streamside subdivision began around 2016, there were numerous concerns expressed that there may be issues with buses and as a result staff agreed to monitor complaints and manoeuvrability in this area, over time.

Initially, a by-law was passed to make the east side of Streamside Drive a “No Parking” Zone so that buses could turn into the St. Martin property and manoeuvre north to West Street/Regional Road 20, from the intersection with Gateway Drive. Previous staff reports PD-114-17 and PD-014-19 addressed this concern and were implemented through amending by-laws 2017-19 and 2019-19.

CURRENT SITUATION:

Staff have agreed to monitor how traffic flows and where issues and/or complaints arise in the Streamside subdivision. Recently, there have been complaints about the intersection of South Grimsby Road 6 and Gateway Avenue. Although the focus of the complaint is specifically about 4 or more cars parking in the area of South Grimsby Road 6 and Creekview Drive on Gateway Avenue, there has been concern raised that the parking has made it difficult for buses to manoeuvre through the area and to obtain access to and from South Grimsby Road 6.

Upon inspection, staff can see where the meeting of vehicles, especially buses, would be difficult when vehicles are parked on both sides of Gateway Avenue.

As a result, Planning and By-law staff, in conjunction with Public Works Staff, are proposing that the south side of Gateway Avenue between Creekview Drive and South Grimsby Road 6 (a total length of 54 metres) be made into a “No Parking” Zone.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Signs are required to make this area a “No Parking” Zone. Such signage costs can be charged to the appropriate Public Works account.

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTS:

Staff from Planning, Public Works and By-law Enforcement, have had discussions about this report and agree to the recommendation as proposed in this report. The report has also been reviewed by the Fire Chief.

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommend that a by-law be passed to create a “No Parking” Zone on the south side of Gateway Avenue and that the stretch of road have signage posted accordingly. Staff also agree to monitor this signage change to determine if it is the best solution for this area.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Draft By-law

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