

Town of Whitby

Staff Report

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Report Title: Update Traffic By-law 1862-85, No Parking in Area Surrounding Brooklin High School

Report to: Committee of the Whole

Date of meeting: December 11, 2023

Report Number: PDE 12-23

Department(s) Responsible:

Planning and Development Department
(Engineering Services)

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1. Recommendation:

1. That Council approve the proposed amendment to Traffic By-law 1862-85, to incorporate the changes to Schedule "B" of the By-law, as identified in Attachment No. 2.
2. That a by-law to amend the Traffic By-law 1862-85 be brought forward for the consideration of Council.
3. That Council direct the Clerk to provide a copy of Report PDE 12-23 to the Durham District School Board (DDSB) and to the Brooklin High School administration.

2. Highlights:

- Brooklin High School students regularly park on the residential streets surrounding the high school. Residents have noted that students leave garbage, drive recklessly, and park in an unsafe manner.
- Given the timing of the school breaks/lunch, students are able to park on local streets and still comply with the three-hour parking limit.

- A temporary No Parking restriction has alleviated the student parking. Formalization of a restriction, to allow for visitor parking for the area residents, is being recommended.
- Similar to the residential area surrounding Henry Street High School and Anderson Collegiate Vocational Institute, a weekday No Parking restriction is proposed.
- The cost of the manufacturing and installation of signage is expected to be in the order of \$8,500.

3. Background:

Brooklin High School is located in the northwest corner of the Baldwin Street/Carnwith Drive intersection. The school was opened in 2015 with a Ministry rated capacity of 1,283 students. The student population is approximately 1,400 students in grades 9 through 12, and as of August 2023, there were three portables on site.

Durham Student Transportation Services (DSTS) is responsible for the management and administration of all school transportation between home and school, for students eligible for bus transportation, in accordance with the Transportation Policy of the Durham District School Board. Students are eligible for transportation if their home is within their designated school attendance boundary at a distance of more than 3.2 kilometers (km) for secondary school students. The majority of Brooklin High School students are walking students.

There is limited on-site parking available for students, and parking is only available to grade 12 students. Students must register to park on school property, agree to the school's parking contract conditions and display a permit. The number of students with their driver's licence, and access to a personal vehicle, exceeds the available on-site school parking.

Carnwith Drive, between Baldwin Street and Braddock Court, is signed No Stopping.

4. Discussion:

Residents on Leithridge Crescent have noted that student parking is a daily occurrence and is disruptive to the neighbourhood. Increased speeding and traffic, more litter, and parking that blocks driveway access and visibility has been noted by residents. In May, temporary No Parking signage was installed on the east leg of Leithridge Crescent between Carnwith Drive and Aller Park Way. Unfortunately, student parking shifted to just beyond the signage. The temporary restriction was updated to include all of Leithridge Crescent, as well as Braddock Court and Whitmore Court. Transportation Services staff did not receive any negative feedback regarding the temporary restriction. The restriction was removed during the summer, but residents have requested a permanent solution. Given the timing of Report PDE 12-23, a temporary No Parking restriction was again planned for September.

Staff are proposing a permanent weekday No Parking restriction. The restriction would be between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, from September to June. The general by-laws, including, but not limited to, no parking within 10 metres of any intersection would still be applicable at all times (refer to Attachment #1).

High schools often have increased student parking, which is not accounted for in the Zoning By-law and cannot be fully accounted for as part of the school construction. Although most high schools exceed the by-law for parking requirements, there is still often more demand than supply. Due to similar parking issues, the streets surrounding Henry Street High School and Anderson Collegiate Vocational Institute also have a weekday No Parking restriction.

5. Financial Considerations:

The cost of manufacturing and installing the No Parking signage is expected to be in the order of \$8,500 and will be funded from Capital Project No. 40236403 for Future Traffic Signage and Pavement Markings.

6. Communication and Public Engagement:

Transportation Services have notified impacted residents of Staff Report PDE 12-23.

7. Input from Departments/Sources:

A No Parking restriction and the associated signage will allow Parking Services to enforce the restriction. Parking Services staff have been advised of the proposed restriction and have no concerns from an enforcement perspective.

8. Strategic Priorities:

The recommendations contained in this report align with the Whitby's Neighbourhood and Government Pillars of the Community Strategic Plan. Whitby's Neighbourhood Pillar includes opportunities to improve road safety, while the Government Pillar recognizes responding to community needs. In addition, sustainable transportation such as supporting walkability is a key sustainability principle.

9. Attachments:

Attachment 1: Proposed No Parking Restriction

Attachment 2: Draft By-law to Update Traffic By-law 1862-85