



Staff Report for Committee of the Whole Meeting

Date of Meeting: May 22, 2018

Report Number: SRPRS.18.104

Department: Planning and Regulatory Services
Division: Development Engineering & Transportation

Subject: SRPRS.18.104 - Removal of Parking Prohibition
on Rockwell Road

Purpose:

To rescind the temporary on-street parking restriction on Rockwell Road which was introduced to prohibit undesirable construction parking activities in the area.

Recommendation(s):

That Chapter 1116, Schedule 'A' (Parking Prohibited-Signs-Displayed) of the Municipal Code is amended by removing the following:

HIGHWAY	SIDE	FROM & TO	PROHIBITED TIME OF DAY
Rockwell Road	Both	Valleymede Drive to 335 m south of Valleymede Drive	7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Mon - Fri

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Report Approval:

Submitted by: Kelvin Kwan, Commissioner of Planning and Regulatory Services

Approved by: Neil Garbe, Chief Administrative Officer

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Background:

A high-density residential development project was under construction in 2012 at the intersection of Highway 7 and Rockwell Road. During the construction, contractors working on this high rise development were using Rockwell Road as a means to park their vehicles.

Given that Rockwell Road is a local street within an established single family residential neighborhood, the parking activities from the adjacent construction site were not desired and were impacting the daily activities of local residents. This was further exacerbated by the fact that there are no sidewalk facilities on Rockwell Road, and pedestrians use the edge of the street to walk to and from Highway 7 and the adjacent neighbourhood.

To address these issues, an on-street parking prohibition was introduced on Rockwell Road between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. on weekdays. The 2012 staff report recommending this parking prohibition is attached to this staff report as Appendix 1.

The high-density residential building is now completed and the need for the current parking restriction is no longer required. Hence, the temporary parking restriction can be removed to allow for residents to park during the day.

In January 2018, Staff notified residents of Rockwell Road that the Town would be removing the current parking restrictions. Notices were hand delivered to all affected residents and a deadline of February 16, 2018 was given to contact staff to raise any concerns or objections. No comments or objections to the proposed change in parking restrictions have been received. The January 2018 notice is attached to this staff report as Appendix 2.

Therefore, staff recommends removing the parking prohibition on Rockwell Road from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays, and amending Chapter 1116 Parking Regulation, Schedule 'A' of the Municipal Code by removing the following:

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It should be noted that upon lifting this restriction, all general Town wide parking by-laws will be applicable, including the maximum three-hour parking duration and overnight parking.

Financial/Staffing/Other Implications:

Removal of the “No Parking – 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mon-Fri” signs is estimated to cost less than \$1,000. There is a provision in the Community Services Department's Maintenance and Operations Budget to accommodate this work.

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Relationship to the Strategic Plan:

The recommendation meets Goal One of the Town's Strategic Plan of providing "Stronger Connections in Richmond Hill" by improving the function of buildings, streets and neighbourhoods. Goal Four of "Wise Management of Resources" is also aligned since on-street parking makes use of existing road infrastructure to help residents and visitors park near their destinations.

Conclusion:

The removal of the parking prohibition is recommended on Rockwell Road and the corresponding amendment to Chapter 1116 Parking-Regulation, Schedule "A" in the Municipal Code is required.

Attachments:

The following attached documents may include scanned images of appendixes, maps and photographs. If you require an alternative format please call contact person listed in this document.

- Appendix 1: Staff Report, SRPRS.12.129 – Proposed Parking Prohibition on Rockwell Road
- Appendix 2: Public Notice, dated January 17, 2018: Removal of Parking Restriction on Rockwell Road

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Report Approval Details

Document Title:	SRPRS.18.104 Rockwell Parking Restriction Removal.docx
Attachments:	- SRPRS.18.104 - Appendix 1.pdf - SRPRS.18.104 - Appendix 2 - Public Notice - Parking on Rockwell (Jan2018)final.pdf
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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