



# SRPRS.18.104

## Appendix 1

Agenda Item 27

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

July 3, 2012  
SRPRS.12.129

Planning and Regulatory Services  
Development Engineering

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED PARKING PROHIBITION ON ROCKWELL ROAD  
(SRPRS.12.129)**

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#### PURPOSE:

To prohibit on-street parking on Rockwell Road in response to requests from residents.

#### RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Chapter 1116, Schedule 'A' (Parking Prohibited-Signs-Displayed) of the Municipal Code is amended by adding 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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## **BACKGROUND:**

Requests for parking restrictions on Rockwell Road were received from residents as a result of construction activities at Highway 7 and Rockwell Road. Staff reviewed the requests for requests for parking restrictions which are discussed below.

### Site Context

Rockwell Road is a residential local road which is barricaded at 85 m north of Highway 7, serving about 30 residential properties. The barricaded road closure was purposely implemented to eliminate any potential for infiltrations to this residential street (see Exhibit 1)

### Recent Parking Issue

A high-density residential development at the intersection of Highway 7 and Rockwell Road has been approved and is under the construction. Since the construction, on-street parking activities on Rockwell Road have increased significantly. Through investigation, the significant increase in these parking activities is related to the construction. Although off-site parking has been arranged by the developer for construction crews, Rockwell Road has become a more attractive parking location due to the proximity and general 3-hour provision in the by-law.

On-street parking in the turnaround area has compromised standards required to deliver necessary services to residents such as turning movements of Town's waste/recycle collection trucks. In winter, snow clearing would become an issue.

In an attempt to discourage on-street parking related to the construction activities, Town's parking by-law enforcement officers have ticketed vehicles parked longer than 3 hours. Furthermore, the developer also administered the on-street parking activities by constantly advising construction crews individually.

Given the current road layout, Rockwell Road is not intended to tolerate any type of infiltration, which would also include parking related to construction activities. The recent on-street parking activities also have adversely affected the Town's requirements for manoeuvrability. On these bases, the residents' requests for parking restriction were considered for further evaluation.

### Parking Restriction Proposal

The proposed parking restrictions are to enforce 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. on weekdays. This would allow visitors to park on the street in the evening or weekends. As construction activities are permitted between 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Mondays to Saturdays, the proposed parking restrictions would capture the busy time of the construction activities.

Survey forms were distributed to residents who could be affected by this proposal. Out of 35 residential properties, 11 responses were received, yielding 31% of a response

rate. Residences of the responses are spread evenly throughout Rockwell Road. The following table summarizes responses from residents.

Table 1: Resident Survey Summary

Questions	Yes	No
Have you been affected by recent increase in parking?	11	1*
Do you support proposed parking prohibition?	10	1
Do you have concern with this proposal?	2	9
Do you currently park any cars during proposed period?	1	10

\* With enforcement, the resident felt the improvement

Typically individuals, who do not oppose a proposal do not respond to surveys. Therefore, the majority of non-respondents can be considered to have no objection to the proposal. Furthermore, 91% of the respondents have shown a support for this proposal. The one response opposing to the proposal expressed concern by stating that "(I) do not believe that this restriction will create a positive image for the residences." Another concern expressed in the response was related to their negative experience with the construction activities (inappropriate appropriate activity of a construction crew), not on the parking restriction proposal.

Based on the survey results and comments provided, staff recommend parking prohibition on Rockwell Road from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays. Staff also recommend that Chapter 1116 Parking Regulation, Schedule 'A' of the Municipal Code be amended by adding the following:

**TABLE 1: ADDITION TO PARKING-REGULATION**

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

**FINANCIAL/STAFFING/OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

Implementation of "No Parking – 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mon-Fri" signs be estimated to be \$4,000.00. There is a provision in the Community Services Department's Maintenance and Operations Budget to accommodate this work.

**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."

**CONCLUSION:**

The parking prohibition is recommended on Rockwell Road and necessary amendment to the Chapter 1116 Parking-Regulation, Schedule "A" in the Municipal Code be executed.

Attachments – Exhibit 1



Construction Site



Parking Restriction Proposal

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Exhibit 1

