



Staff Report for Council Meeting

Date of Meeting: June 24, 2020

Report Number: SRPRS.20.073

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

Subject: **SRPRS.20.073: Amendment of Stopping Restriction to No Parking Restriction - Neal Drive**

Purpose:

To implement the removal of stopping restrictions along the east side of Neal Drive to address the pick up and drop off activity generated by the Beverly Acres Public School.

Recommendation(s):

- a) That Staff Report SRPRS.20.073 be received.
- b) That By-law No. 74-20 (Attachment 2 to Staff Report SRPS.20.073) be enacted to amend Schedule "A" and "B" of the Parking Regulation By-law No. 402-89 (Municipal Code Chapter 1116) in order to replace the stopping restriction (7 am to 6 pm, Monday to Friday) on the east side of Neal Drive with a parking restriction (7 am to 6 pm, Monday to Friday) as outlined herein.

Contact Person:

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Report Approval:

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

Approved by: Mary-Anne Dempster, Interim City Manager

All reports are electronically reviewed and/or approved by the Division Director, Treasurer (as required), City Solicitor (as required), Commissioner and City Manager. Details of the reports approval are attached.

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Background:

This report has been prepared in response to a request from Beverly Acres Public School to consider a change to the existing on-street stopping restrictions along Neal Drive in order to facilitate on-street parent pick up and drop off activity during the school arrival and dismissal periods.

Neal Drive is classified as a local residential road with 8.5 m pavement width and a 20 m right-of-way. The north-south road connects Crosby Avenue to Elgin Mills Road East and is approximately 1 km in length. The posted speed limit is 40 km/h and is designated as a Community Safety Zone.

Traffic operational and safety issues were observed when school was in effect. At present, stopping is restricted on the east and west sides of Neal Drive between Taylor Mills Drive South to Taylor Mills Drive North from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays. Parents are not allowed to enter the school bus boarding/alighting area within the school to avoid potential conflicts and operational impacts. As there are no dedicated pick up and drop off areas adjacent to the school, parents currently stop on both sides of Neal Drive to pick up and drop off their children and thus disobey the existing restriction.

In order to manage and minimize traffic operational and safety issues, it is recommended that pick up and drop off activities be allowed to occur on the east side of Neal Drive, where Beverly Acres Public School is located (Attachment 1). This would be achieved through the removal of the existing stopping restriction on the east side of Neal Drive from Taylor Mills Drive South to Taylor Mills Drive North for the period of 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays (Attachment 1) and replace with parking restrictions during the same time of day restrictions. This configuration would allow pick up and drop off activities to safely occur on the east side of Neal Drive during school drop-off and pick-up times while maintaining sufficient pavement width to accommodate two way traffic flow and emergency vehicle access during these times.

Financial/Staffing/Other Implications:

The cost to replace the existing stopping restriction signs with new parking restriction signage is estimated to be in the order of \$1,000.00. The associated cost will be accommodated from the Community Services Department's Maintenance and Operations Budget. There will be no other financial or staffing implications with the recommendation of this staff report.

Relationship to the Strategic Plan:

The recommendations of this staff report is consistent with the City's Strategic Plan's goal of providing Stronger Connections in Richmond Hill by responding to the changing needs of the community through adaptive services and programs. It also demonstrates responsible municipal management of the City's road network.

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Conclusion:

Transportation staff have reviewed the request for the feasibility of removing stopping restrictions on the east side along Neal Drive, in the vicinity of Beverly Acres Public School. Staff recommend the amendment of the stopping restriction along the east side of Neal Drive to a no parking restriction. The implementation of the recommendations will allow for safe on-street pick up and drop off activity to occur on the east side of Neal Drive during school operations while maintaining sufficient pavement width to accommodate two-way traffic and emergency vehicle access adjacent to Beverley Acres Public School.

Attachments:

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

- Attachment 1: Proposed removal of stopping restriction on Neal Drive
- Attachment 2: Proposed draft By-law No. 74-20

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Report Approval Details

Document Title:	SRPRS.20.073 - Removal of Stopping Restriction on Neal Drive .docx
Attachments:	- SRPRS.20.073 - Attachment 1 -Map of Neal Drive.pdf - SRPRS.20.073 - Attachment 2 - By Law 74-20.docx
Final Approval Date:	Jun 4, 2020

This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Kelvin Kwan - Jun 3, 2020 - 3:07 PM

MaryAnne Dempster - Jun 4, 2020 - 8:45 AM