

# Committee of the Whole (1) Report

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**DATE:** Wednesday, June 4, 2025

**WARD:** 4

**TITLE:** PARKING PROHIBITION ON MILLHOUSE COURT

**FROM:**

Emilie Alderman, Deputy City Manager, Public Works

**ACTION:** DECISION

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## **Purpose**

To seek approval to implement a parking prohibition on the south side of Millhouse Court, from Ilan Ramon Boulevard to 200 metres west of Ilan Ramon Boulevard (anytime), to improve accessibility and traffic operations.

## **Report Highlights**

- Residents have raised concerns that on-street parking on Millhouse Court is impacting traffic flow and accessibility.
- A traffic operations review determined that vehicles parked on both sides of Millhouse Court impact traffic flow due to insufficient lane width.
- Staff recommend the implementation of a parking prohibition (anytime) on the south side of Millhouse Court, from Ilan Ramon Boulevard to 200 metres west of Ilan Ramon Boulevard (anytime), to improve accessibility and traffic operations.

## **Recommendations**

1. THAT Council approve the implementation of a parking prohibition on the south side of Millhouse Court, from Ilan Ramon Boulevard to 200 metres west of Ilan Ramon Boulevard (anytime); and
2. THAT Schedule 1 of Parking By-law 064-2019, as amended, be further amended to include a parking prohibition on the south side of Millhouse Court, from Ilan Ramon Boulevard to 200 metres west of Ilan Ramon Boulevard (anytime).

## **Background**

***Residents of Millhouse Court have raised concern regarding parking issues that negatively impact traffic flow and traffic operations***

Millhouse Court is a local road with a pavement width ranging from 7.0 to 8.0 metres. It is a dead-end road that runs east-west and has a single access point at Ilan Ramon Boulevard. A sidewalk is located on the north side of the road and the surrounding area includes residential land uses, a school, and a community centre. The location is shown in Attachment 1. Parking is currently prohibited on both sides of the road from Ilan Ramon Boulevard to 9.0 metres west of Ilan Ramon Boulevard, indicated with appropriate signage.

Beyond the existing 9.0 metre parking restriction on Millhouse Court, residents have expressed concern about parking on both sides of the road, particularly related to school pick-up and drop-off activities. Vehicles parked on both sides of the road create traffic flow issues due to the narrow road width, especially when considering emergency vehicle access.

## **Previous Reports/Authority**

[City of Vaughan Parking By-Law](#)

## **Analysis and Options**

***A traffic review determined that vehicles parked on both sides of Millhouse Court are the cause of the traffic flow and accessibility issues***

Staff reviewed traffic operations on Millhouse Court and determined that the road is too narrow to accommodate vehicles parked on both sides of the road. To assess parking activity, staff conducted both in-person observations and a video study. Parking activity on both sides of the road peaks during school pick-up and drop-off times which creates safety risks and obstructions to traffic flow as drivers experience difficulties entering and/or exiting the court. Additionally, this situation could hamper emergency vehicle access to the road in the event of an emergency.

***Staff have explored various options since 2023 to address parking concerns and a survey was conducted in early 2025 to better understand community needs***

Staff have explored various options to address parking concerns, including education, enforcement, and signage enhancements. In late 2023, No Parking signs were installed on Millhouse Court, 9.0 metres west of Ilan Ramon Boulevard, in accordance with the City of Vaughan's general Parking By-law. While residents adhered to the No Parking

signs, vehicles continued to park on both sides of the road approximately 190 metres west, extending to the end of the court.

According to the general Parking By-law, vehicles are prohibited from parking directly across from one another on roads with a width of 9.0 metres or less. Currently, signage is only in place on Millhouse Court 9.0 metres west of Ilan Ramon Boulevard. Without additional signage further west on Millhouse Court, enforcing the parking prohibition on both sides of the road is challenging, as officers are unable to determine which vehicle was parked first. Through continuous monitoring and review, it was determined that additional intervention was necessary to address the ongoing parking concerns.

To gather additional feedback, staff distributed a survey to all residents on Millhouse Court in early 2025. Of the 64 homes on the road, 31 survey responses were received, representing a 48% response rate. Of the 31 responses, 19 homes (61%) supported a parking prohibition, while 11 homes (35%) preferred that no action be taken. One home requested a timed parking restriction, which was not an option as the issue of vehicles parking on both sides of the road would persist even outside of school pick-up and drop-off hours.

***A parking prohibition on the south side of Millhouse Court is expected to improve traffic operations***

A parking prohibition on the south side of Millhouse Court is recommended to enhance safety by eliminating vehicles parked on both sides of the road, thereby improving traffic flow. A parking prohibition will support enforcement as officers can respond to parking violations for vehicles parked on the south side of the road. The recommended parking prohibition on the south side of the road is the preferred option, as a sidewalk is located on the north side of Millhouse Court to support safe pedestrian access for residents and students. A proposed parking plan is outlined in Attachment 2.

**Financial Impact**

The capital cost for installing the No Parking signs is estimated at \$500, which is supported by the approved 2025 Operating Budget. The ongoing cost to maintain the signs will be incorporated into future operating budgets through the budget process.

**Operational Impact**

Staff from Transportation and Fleet Management Services as well as By-law and Compliance, Licensing and Permit Services have been consulted throughout the traffic operations review and community engagement process. Parking Enforcement Officers

regularly patrol the city, educating the public about parking by-laws and responding to parking violations.

### **Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations**

There is no impact to the Region.

### **Conclusion**

A traffic review determined that vehicles parked on both sides of Millhouse Court negatively impact traffic flow and accessibility, including potentially hindering access of emergency vehicles to the road. A parking restriction on the south side of the road will provide the most efficient road parking configuration for residents and visitors, while prioritizing community safety.

A by-law amendment to Parking By-Law 064-2019 will be required to coincide with the installation of the parking prohibition signs.

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### **Attachments**

1. Location Map
2. Millhouse Court Proposed Parking Plan

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