

Committee of the Whole (1) Report

DATE: Monday, October 07, 2019

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TITLE: PARKING PROHIBITION – PINE GROVE ROAD

FROM:

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ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To seek approval to implement a parking prohibition on the east side of Pine Grove Road from municipal address 407 to 423 Pine Grove Road (105 metres to 126 metres east of Islington Avenue) to allow scheduled waste collection to proceed for 250 Pine Grove Road.

Report Highlights

- The new townhouse development on the east side of Pine Grove Road resulted in increased on-street parking on the east side of the roadway, which has prevented the City's waste collection vehicles from accessing the elevated loading dock at 250 Pine Grove Road.
- A traffic review found parking activity opposite 250 Pine Grove Road prevented waste collection vehicles from accessing the site on the west side when vehicles are parked on the east side of the roadway.
- To maintain waste collection service levels at 250 Pine Grove Road, staff recommend a parking prohibition on the east side of Pine Grove Road from municipal address 407 to 423 Pine Grove Road, impacting four (4) on-street parking spaces.

Recommendations

1. That a parking prohibition be implemented on the east side of Pine Grove Road from municipal address 407 to 423 Pine Grove Road (from 105 metres to 126 metres east of Islington Avenue), approximately 21 metres, during all hours Monday to Friday; and
2. That Schedule 1 of Parking By-law Number 064-2019, be amended to add a parking prohibition on the east side of Pine Grove Road from municipal 407 to 423 Pine Grove Road (from 105 metres to 126 metres east of Islington Avenue), approximately 21 metres, during all hours Monday to Friday.

Background

The new townhouse development on Pine Grove Road has resulted in increased on-street parking activity on the east side of Pine Grove Road, across from 250 Pine Grove Road.

Pine Grove Road is classified as a local road with an 8.0-metre pavement width. The new townhouse development on the east side of Pine Grove Road has resulted in increased on-street parking activity on the east side of the roadway, across from 250 Pine Grove Road. In accordance with the City's Parking By-law Number 064-2019, on-street parking on this roadway is restricted to three hours on each side of the street, and overnight parking is prohibited. As per the planning application documents (DA.13.050) effective July 12, 2013, phase 1 of the new townhouse complex on Pine Grove Road has 48 units, with 106 parking spaces. Phases 1 and 2 combined have 160 parking spaces allocated to the development. Parking provisions have been made as part of the development.

Solid waste collection for Pine Grove Road requires collection vehicles to maneuver on the public road to access the bins.

This location (250 Pine Grove Road, Woodbridge, ON) is a four-story mid-rise building with a combined 51 condominium suites and condo units and was built in 2001. Municipal waste collection was added shortly thereafter, receiving recycling collection in 95-gallon carts, and garbage collection in front-end bins. At this building, collection vehicles must maneuver on the public road to access the garbage bins on Tuesdays and Fridays at any time between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Previous Reports/Authority

N/A

Analysis and Options

Several missed waste collections were attributed to issues related to parked cars on the east side of Pine Grove Road.

In late August 2018, the City's waste collection contractor, Miller Waste Inc., reported that while vehicles were parked on the east side of the road, waste collection vehicles could not turn onto the property at 250 Pine Grove Road and align the trucks to pick up the front-end garbage bins on the elevated loading dock.

Miller Waste reported that they were unable to complete waste collection for this property on two occasions in September 2018. In response to these missed waste collections, the City's Solid Waste staff liaised with the condo board representatives to request Miller Waste Inc. to organize collection of the missed waste collection after the parked vehicles were moved by their owners.

Most recently, waste collection cycles have been missed at this location every other week in May, June and July 2019.

Several options to address the collection challenges were evaluated by the City, its contractor and representatives from 259 Pine Grove Road.

In collaboration with Miller Waste Inc. and the property manager for the building, the City's Solid Waste staff proposed alternatives to address the issue to ensure unimpeded waste collection at 250 Pine Grove Road. The first proposal was to move the front-end bin off the elevated loading dock to ground level to see if the vehicle could access the bin without turning onto the property. This was tested and found to be non-viable due to the turning radius.

Solid Waste staff then coordinated a conference call with the property manager and condo board representatives on October 5, 2018 to discuss all collection options. To avoid any impact to parking, staff proposed adding the building to the commercial route with Miller Waste Inc. at the City's expense using the smaller, more maneuverable 95-gallon totes in lieu of the front-end collection bins.

The condo board identified concerns with this option, as the building uses a single chute for garbage and the 95-gallon totes would require constant maintenance. The condo board has requested that service levels be maintained using front-end collection bins.

Staff recommend a parking prohibition be implemented on the east side of Pine Grove Road to allow for unimpeded access to waste collection vehicles.

Solid Waste staff sought the advice of staff in the Transportation and Fleet Management Services Department, who determined that there was a need for a parking study to assess the on-street parking at this location. Solid Waste staff also engaged the City's By-law Compliance Department to review the site and monitor parking violations along Pine Grove Road.

Staff have implemented temporary measures with the contractor to maintain service levels, which are not consistent with the terms of the contract. While this has addressed the issues in the short term, it is not a long-term solution.

As a long-term solution, staff recommend that a parking prohibition be implemented on the east side of Pine Grove Road to allow for unimpeded access of the waste collection vehicles to serve the residents at 250 Pine Grove Road.

Financial Impact

The capital cost associated with the installation of the No Parking signs is estimated to be \$250 and has been included in the approved 2019 Operating Budget. The ongoing cost to maintain the signs is estimated to be \$25 per annum and will be incorporated in future Operating Budgets. By implementing this recommendation, this also mitigates other potential costs, including costs associated with negotiating an amendment to the waste collection contract.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

N/A

Conclusion

Removing four on-street parking spaces located across from the loading dock of 250 Pine Grove Road will support the City's scheduled waste collection service levels for this condominium complex. Staff recommend the implementation of a parking prohibition on the east side of Pine Grove Road.

Upon approval, an amendment to Parking Bylaw Number 064-2019 will be prepared, to coincide with the installation of the parking prohibition signs.

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Attachment

1. Location Map

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