



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MARKHAM

EXTRACT CONTAINING ITEM #0016 OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE OF (Apr 21, 2008)

16. POMANDER ROAD PARKING PROHIBITION (5.12.4) Report Attachment By-law

Mr. A. Brown, Director, Engineering, provided an overview of the current situation on Pomander Road. Councillor J. Virgilio vacated the Chair in order to participate in debate in this matter. Mayor F. Scarpitti assumed the Chair on those occasions.

Mr. J. Clarke, Pomander Road resident, spoke in opposition to the staff recommendation. Mr. Clarke suggested that rotating the parking restrictions on the north and south sides of Pomander Road was more equitable.

Mr. B. Murphy and Mr. F. Watson, Pomander Road residents, spoke in favour of a fixed parking restriction on the road but expressed a preference that it be on the north side. Both residents suggested that a fixed restriction will reduce confusion.

There was considerable discussion surrounding the public consultation process and the number of respondents. Also discussed were the possibility of enforcing a rotating parking restriction as a one year pilot project, whether parking is a continuous issue on the road or only during special events, whether additional public consultation is necessary, and whether temporary signage should be installed to prohibit parking on the road during the Unionville Festival.

Moved by Regional Councillor T. Wong

Seconded by Councillor E. Shapero

That the depositions by Mr. J. Clarke, Pomander Road resident, in favour of rotating parking restrictions on the north and south sides of Pomander Road and Mr. B. Murphy, and Mr. F. Watson, Pomander Road residents, in favour of a fixed parking restriction on either side of the road, be received; and,

That consideration of the following recommendation be deferred until June, 2008 so that a survey of Pomander Road residents can be carried out – using the same format as for traffic calming surveys – to determine residents' order of preference for a fixed parking restriction on the north side of Pomander Road, a fixed restriction on the south side of Pomander Road or for a restriction on both sides of the road that will be rotated on a regular basis:

“That the report entitled “Pomander Road Parking Prohibition” dated April 22, 2008, be received; and,

That Schedule ‘C’ of Traffic By-law 2005-188 be amended to prohibit parking on the north side of Pomander Road, as outlined in this report; and,

That the Operations Department be directed to install the appropriate signs at the subject location, funded through the 2008 Engineering Department budget, account #8402; and,

ATTACHMENT A

That on-going maintenance costs for these signs be included in future Operations Department budgets; and,

That the Parking Control Department be directed to enforce the parking prohibition upon installation of the signs; and further,

That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.”

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor J. Virgilio

Seconded by Regional Councillor T. Wong

That staff bring forward a parking control by-law to be in effect until such time as permanent parking restrictions are finalized.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor E. Shapero

Seconded by Councillor J. Virgilio

That staff report back to a future meeting of General Committee with options for providing a shuttle service for attendees of the Unionville and Markham Festivals.

CARRIED



May 2, 2008

**POMANDER ROAD – Parking Prohibition
Confidential Resident Telephone Survey**

Dear Resident,

At the April 22, 2008 Town General Committee meeting, Markham Council requested that the residents of Pomander Road be formally surveyed using the Town's normal confidential telephone survey procedures regarding the parking prohibition on the subject street. Please note that the survey is confidential and how you responded to the survey will not be made public

It is the opinion of the Town's Engineering Department that a parking prohibition is required to address ongoing safety concerns on Pomander Road. It is the recommendation of Town Staff that the parking prohibition be on the north side of Pomander Road.

The survey that is attached to this letter as Schedule 'A' is asking for you to identify your preference for a parking prohibition on either the "north" side or "south" side of Pomander Road. See attachment 'B' for the location map.

The survey also wishes to identify your preference for an "alternating" parking prohibition option. This option provides for a parking prohibition alternating from one side of the street on the 1st to the 15th and on the other side from the 16th day to the end of each month. The alternating parking prohibition will be considered in the event that there is no clear majority (as defined below) of the residents for a prohibition on only one side of the road.

To assist with your decision, we have provided a table of pros and cons for each of the three parking prohibition arrangements:

ATTACHMENT 'B'

| Parking Prohibition Location | Pros | Cons |
|------------------------------|---|--|
| North Side | Maintain two-way flow of traffic Reduces pedestrians crossing the road to access Crosby Park Improved access to fire hydrants Greater number of parking spaces on the south side | Vehicles will always be parked on the south side |
| South Side | Maintain two-way flow of traffic | Pedestrians will be required to cross the road to access Crosby Park Vehicles will always be parked on the north side Fewer number of parking spaces on the north side |
| Alternating Sides | Maintain two-way flow of traffic Equitable for residents | Confusion for motorists parking on the street. Parking prohibition signs on the street will double (approximately 15 additional signs) Pedestrians will be required to cross the road to access Crosby Park when parking on the north side |

Survey Details

Upon the closing date of the survey (May 16, 2008), Town staff will review the results to identify whether there is a majority (as defined below) for a parking prohibition arrangement on either the north or the south side.

If the results of the survey reveal that no majority for a parking prohibition on either the north side or south side exists, then Town staff will review the level of support for an alternating parking prohibition.

In the event that there is no majority for an alternating parking prohibition, then Town staff has advised that they will again recommend to Council a parking prohibition on the north side of Pomander Road.

The Town will require a 30% minimum response rate from households and at least 60% of the respondents must be in support of one of the parking prohibition location in order for majority status. Make your voice heard and complete the survey.

Summer Festivals

In the interim, in preparation for the upcoming summer festival season, a temporary parking prohibition has been implemented by Council on the north side of Pomander Road. This is to ensure two-way directional travel is maintained during the busy summer festival period.

Questions or Concerns

Should you have any questions about this survey, please contact Domenic Smarrelli, Traffic Operations Supervisor, at 905-477-7000 extension 4055, or dsmarrelli@markham.ca. Alternatively, you may contact me, Joe Virgilio at 905-479-7749, or email jvirgilio@markham.ca.

Should you experience any technical difficulties in submitting your response, please contact the Contact Centre at 905-477-5530.

Sincerely,

Joe Virgilio
Councillor – Ward 3



TELEPHONE SURVEY FORM

POMANDER ROAD – PARKING PROHIBITION

Your 7-digit **PIN** number is:

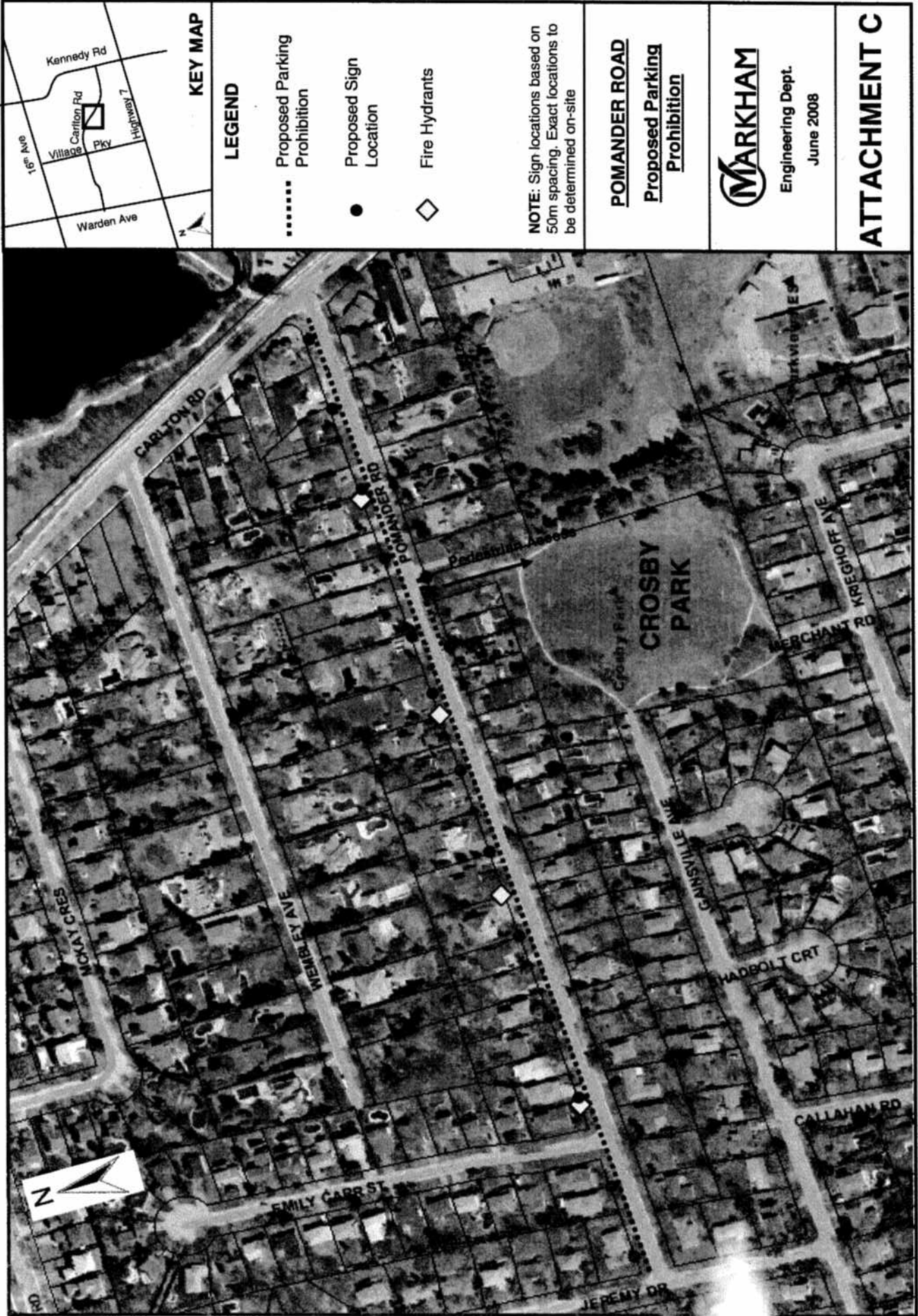
ADDRESS: _____

Please follow these STEPS to record your vote:

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|--------|---|
| Step 1 | <i>Dial 905-470-3599</i> |
| Step 2 | <i>When prompted, clearly state your address and 7 digit PIN</i> |
| Step 3 | <i>When prompted, clearly state your preference:</i> "I support a parking prohibition on the NORTH side" Or "I support a parking prohibition on the SOUTH side" |
| Step 4 | <i>When prompted, clearly state your preference:</i> " YES, I DO support alternating parking prohibition on Pomander Road" " NO, I DO NOT support alternating parking prohibition on Pomander Road" |

IMPORTANT!

- **ONLY ONE (1) SUBMISSION PER ADDRESS**
- **SURVEY CLOSED FRIDAY MAY 16, 2008**
- **YOUR RESPONSE WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL**





BY-LAW NUMBER _____

TO AMEND PARKING BY-LAW 2005-188

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MARKHAM THAT Parking By-Law 2005-188 be and the same is hereby amended as follows:

1. That Schedule "C" of Parking By-law 2005-188, pertaining to "No Parking", be amended by adding the following:

| COLUMN 1 | COLUMN 2 | COLUMN 3 | COLUMN 4 |
|---------------|----------------|---|------------------------------------|
| <u>STREET</u> | <u>SIDE(S)</u> | <u>BETWEEN</u> | <u>PROHIBITED TIME OR DAYS</u> |
| Pomander Road | North | In its entirety | Anytime |
| Pomander Road | South | The west property line of #47 and the west property line of #53 | Anytime |

2. The By-law shall come into force and effect upon receiving the third reading by the Council of the Town of Markham and also when authorized signs have been erected.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS _____

DAY OF _____, 2008.

SHEILA BIRRELL
TOWN CLERK

FRANK SCARPITTI
MAYOR