



Report to: General Committee

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**SUBJECT:** German Mills Road Proposed Parking Prohibition

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1) That the staff report entitled “German Mills Road Proposed Parking Prohibition”, be received;
- 2) And that Schedule “C” of Traffic By-law 2005-188, be amended by including the west and north side of German Mills Road, between the property line of 15/17 and 19/31 German Mills Road;
- 3) And that Schedule “C” of Traffic By-law 2005-188, be amended by including the east and south side of German Mills Road, between the property line of 14/16 and east property line of # 32 German Mills Road;
- 4) And that the Operations Department be directed to install and maintain the appropriate regulatory signs at the subject locations;
- 5) And that the cost of materials and installation for the traffic signs be funded from capital project # 11305 (Traffic Operational Improvements) in the amount of \$500;
- 6) And that the Parking Control Department be directed to enforce the parking prohibition upon approval of the By-law amendment and installation of the regulatory signs;
- 7) And that staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

**PURPOSE:**

This report recommends prohibiting parking on German Mills Road, to resolve traffic safety issues associated with on-street parking.

**BACKGROUND:**

German Mills Road is a local residential street, located south of John Street and west of Don Mills Road. Simonston Park is located adjacent to German Mills Road and has sports field facilities.

**Need to address parking concerns on German Mills Road**

Operations Department was contacted by a German Mills Road resident of ongoing traffic safety concerns related to vehicles consistently parking near a sharp curve on German Mills Road, creating visibility issues and narrowing the road. The resident claims that sports field activities in Simonston Park are generating the parking activity. Ward 2 Councillor Howard Shore has also advised of similar concerns received by his office.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Parking prohibition is recommended to improve sightline visibility**

Traffic Operations staff conducted an assessment of parking conditions on German Mills Road, near Simonston Park. Although a parking lot is provided (accessible from Simonston Boulevard), vehicles continue to park on German Mills Road due to the closer walking distance to one of two soccer fields.

Although no collisions has been reported over the past five years, several site observations conducted by City staff have confirmed that on-street parking is a regular occurrence on both sides of German Mills Road, approaching the curve. This parking activity effectively narrows the roadway to one-lane of travel and is preventing minimum visibility requirements from being achieved when drivers approach the curve.

To ensure minimum visibility requirements are met, it is recommended that a parking prohibition be implemented on the both sides of German Mills Road, approaching the curve. While this may pose a minor inconvenience to local residents or patrons of the sportsfield, parking can be accommodated elsewhere on German Mills Road where it is safer to do so, or alternatively, in the parking lot on Green Lane.

Resident feedback solicited by Ward 2 Councillor Howard Shore indicates that a parking prohibition near Simonston Park is a preferable solution to address the parking issue.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

The cost of materials and installation for the signs in the amount of \$500 has been included in the capital project # 11305 (Traffic Operational Improvements). On-going maintenance costs for this installation will be considered in the 2014 Operations Department operating budget.

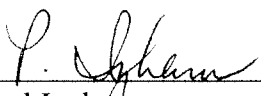
**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

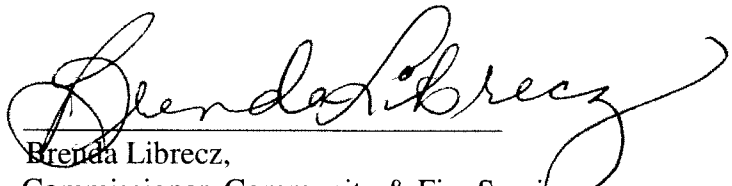
This report aligns with the community safety component of the transportation/transit strategic priority.

**DEPARTMENTS CONSULTED AND AFFECTED:**

Not applicable.

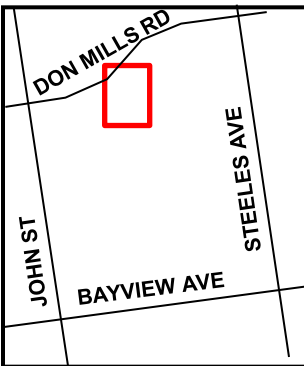
**RECOMMENDED BY:**

  
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Paul Ingham,  
Director, Operations

  
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Brenda Librecz,  
Commissioner, Community & Fire Services

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A – Proposed Parking Restriction Map  
Attachment B – By-Law Amendment



**LEGEND**

Proposed  
"No Parking  
Anytime"

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German Mills Road  
Proposed Parking  
Prohibition

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**ATTACHMENT A**





BY-LAW NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

**TO AMEND PARKING BY-LAW 2005-188**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY 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 “Prohibited 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>
German Mills Road	West/North	The property line of # 15/17 and the property line of # 19/31	Anytime
German Mills Road	East/South	The property line of # 14/16 and the property line of # easterly property line of # 32	Anytime

2. That Schedule “C” of Parking By-law 2005-188, pertaining to “Prohibited Parking”, be amended by removing 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>
German Mills Road	Right side	The west intersection of German Mills Road and Simonston Boulevard and the east intersection of German Mills Road and Simonston Boulevard	Anytime

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

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS \_\_\_\_\_

DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

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KIMBERLY KITTERINGHAM  
CITY CLERK

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FRANK SCARPITTI  
MAYOR

**ATTACHMENT “B”**