

# Staff Report



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**REPORT TO:** Community and Infrastructure Services Committee

**DATE OF MEETING:** March 25, 2024

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**WARD(S) INVOLVED:** Ward 5

**DATE OF REPORT:** February 21, 2024

**REPORT NO.:** DSD-2024-101

**SUBJECT:** Parkvale Drive Parking Prohibitions

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## RECOMMENDATION:

**That on-street parking be prohibited on both sides of Parkvale Drive from Huron Rd to a point 65 metres west thereof; and further,**

**That the Uniform Traffic By-law be amended accordingly.**

## REPORT HIGHLIGHTS:

- The purpose of this report is to amend the Traffic and Parking By-law to prohibit parking on Parkvale Drive in the vicinity of the traffic signal at the intersection of Parkvale Drive and Huron Road.
- The key finding of this report is that Parkvale Drive is a primary access route to the neighbourhood and the proposed parking prohibitions will improve traffic conditions in proximity to the dedicated left turn lane on Parkvale Drive entering Huron Road and help address safety and property damage concerns.
- The financial implications are approximately \$500 that is to be taken from the existing sign maintenance budget.
- Community engagement included a notification letter that was distributed to directly affected properties in advance to the meeting.
- This report supports the delivery of core services.

## REPORT:

Transportation Services received concerns from an area resident citing difficulty of vehicles entering the subdivision on Parkvale Drive due to the presence of parked vehicles on-street adjacent the left turn lanes for the traffic signal located at Parkvale Drive and Huron Road. This signalized intersection provides a primary access point for vehicles entering and exiting the surrounding neighbourhood. The westbound lane entering Parkvale Drive from Huron

Road is not wide enough to accommodate a parked vehicle and through traffic when vehicles are present in the eastbound left turning lane entering Huron Road.

Transportation Services staff conducted a site visit to review conditions and concerns raised by the resident on Parkvale Drive. Staff determined that vehicle access into the subdivision is constrained, and parking prohibitions adjacent to the signalized intersection will improve safety and operation of the intersection. Accordingly, staff are recommending parking prohibitions on both sides of Parkvale Drive approximately 65 metres west of Huron Road to improve traffic flow and safety at the intersection.

The recommended parking prohibitions will result in the loss of approximately four (4) legal, on-street parking spaces (two (2) on each side of the roadway), however, there are sufficient on-street parking options available within proximity to the affected properties.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:**

This report supports the delivery of core services.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Capital Budget – The recommendation will have no impact on the Capital Budget.

Operating Budget – The recommendation will have an approximate impact of \$500 on the Operating Budget for the sign installation. These costs will be charged to the existing Sign Maintenance budget.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:**

INFORM – A notification letter was delivered to the affected properties regarding the proposed parking prohibitions. The report has also been posted to the City’s website with the agenda in advance of the Council / Committee meeting.

**PREVIOUS REPORTS/AUTHORITIES:**

- City of Kitchener Traffic and Parking By-law 2019-113

**APPROVED BY:** Justin Readman, General Manager, Development Services Department

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A – Key Map – Parkvale Drive Parking Prohibitions