
Subject: New Stop Sign at Preston Drive and Parkinson Crescent & General Housekeeping to the Traffic Bylaw

Department: Infrastructure Services

Division: Transportation and Development

Report #: INS-2023-075

Meeting Date: 2023-11-13

Recommendations

That report INS-2023-075, New Stop Sign at Preston Drive and Parkinson Crescent & General Housekeeping to the Traffic Bylaw, be received;

And that a bylaw be authorized to update Schedule E of the current Traffic Bylaw 078-2005 to incorporate the new Stop Sign on Parkinson Crescent at Preston.

And further that the Traffic Bylaw be amended to include a housekeeping change as outlined in the body of this report.

Background and Analysis

At its October 16 Council meeting, a notice of motion was presented by Councillor Prendergast as follows:

WHEREAS the Town of Orangeville and Council must consider the changing needs of residents and their neighbourhoods;

AND WHEREAS neighbourhoods in the Town of Orangeville must be safe for residents who use active transportation such as walking or cycling;

AND WHEREAS Preston Drive is being used temporarily for construction purposes and will remain an emergency access point for the Avalon Long Term Care Home;

AND WHEREAS residents require safe crossing on Parkinson Crescent along the stretch between Laverty Crescent and Preston Drive to cross the road to Parkinson Crescent Park, including the installation of a stop sign or an all-way stop sign as necessary and subsequent curb ramping, if necessary;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Orangeville and Council are authorized to approve stop signs on the basis of immediate community need;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Council directs Infrastructure Services to install a stop sign or an all-way stop on Parkinson Crescent between Lavery Crescent and Preston Drive as deemed appropriate by staff, including the appropriate curb ramping, if necessary to promote accessibility and active transportation;
2. And that the Town's Traffic By-law (2005-078) be updated to include a stop or all-way stop at the intersection of Parkinson Crescent, deemed appropriate by staff.

Based on the direction provided by Council by the above resolution it is understood that the new stop control does not necessarily meet the traffic volume justifications and warrants for a "stop sign" in accordance with the Ontario Traffic Manual (OTM); however, Council and Staff acknowledge that the safest and most efficient location to cross Preston to access the neighbourhood park is at an intersection.

Transportation & Development in cooperation with Public Works has determined that the intersection of Parkinson Crescent and Preston Drive was the more appropriate location to place a stop sign for the following reasons:

- There are existing sidewalk facilities that would not require significant revision at this time;
- Site lines are appropriate to allow pedestrians and motorists proper advanced warning of the stop controls; and
- The controls could be installed relatively inexpensively.

It should also be noted that there is planned development of the lands on both sides of Parkinson Crescent in the future and that staff will review all crossing facilities, traffic controls, traffic calming and roadway safety during the site plan review process for those properties. Any changes that may be proposed or required will be reflected on the plans. Staff will prepare an additional report for Council's consideration should changes to the Town's Traffic Bylaw be required as a result of the development at that time.

This report also speaks to an administrative amendment to Section 1.1 and 2.1 of the Traffic Bylaw. The following amendment is recommended:

Section 1.1 be amended to add: "**officer**" means a police officer, a police cadet, a municipal law enforcement officer, a person authorized to enforce the Highway Traffic Act, or any person appointed by Council to enforce this by-law;"

Section 2.1 be amended to add: A police officer, police cadet, municipal law enforcement officer or other person authorized to enforce the Highway Traffic Act, as amended, are hereby vested with the authority of administering and enforcing the provisions of this by-law.

The above amendment to the clause essentially provides the Town with additional enforcement flexibility.

Strategic Alignment

Strategic Plan

Strategic Goal: Community Stewardship

Objective: Safe and Protected

Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan

Theme: Transportation System

Strategy: Create and integrate sustainability principles into Town policies, processes and practices.

Notice Provisions

N/A

Financial Impact

The estimated cost to supply and install the sign is approximately \$500 and would be funded via the existing operating budget allocation for Safety Devices/Signals/Railroad Crossings.

Respectfully submitted

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Attachment(s): N/A