

To: Members of General Committee

From: Cynthia Fletcher

Commissioner of Infrastructure and Planning Services

Meeting Date: October 13, 2020

Subject: Report IPSTR20-029

Parking Restrictions on Crowley Crescent and Valleyview

Drive

Purpose

A report to recommend the implementation of calendar parking on Crowley Crescent and Valleyview Drive, north of Parkhill Road West.

Recommendation

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report IPSTR20-029 dated October 13, 2020, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure and Planning Services, as follows:

That Calendar Parking be implemented on both sides of Crowley Crescent, north of Parkhill Road West, and on Valleyview Drive, from the east leg of Crowley Crescent to west leg of Crowley Crescent.

Budget and Financial Implications

Implementation of the recommended calendar parking on Crowley Crescent and Valleyview Drive will cost approximately \$2,000, funds for which are available in the 2019 annual sign maintenance budget.

Background

On November 12, 2008 Staff received a request to implement Calendar Parking on Crowley Crescent from Parkhill Road West to Valleyview Drive due to concerns with parked vehicles creating a hazard and reduced road capacity. Typically, Calendar Parking prohibits parking on one side of the street from the 1st to 15th of the month and on the other side of the street from the 16th to the end of the month.

Staff conducted numerous site visits and observed vehicles parking on both sides of Crowley Crescent, with the busiest conditions occurring on Fridays during events at the Church located at 784 Parkhill Road West. There are approximately 17 parking spaces on the church property. At that time, staff recommended that Calendar Parking be implemented on a small portion of Crowley Crescent and this occurred under bylaw 09-042.

Since that time, issues with on-street parking within the remaining portions of the subdivision have continued to occur and staff have received a number of complaints regarding parking on both sides of Crowley Crescent and to a lesser extent Valleyview Drive, during peak times at the church.

Site Details

Crowley Crescent and Valleyview Drive are two-lane local roads that are approximately 8.5 m wide and without sidewalks. There is a church located on the northeast corner of Parkhill Road West and Crowley Crescent (784 Parkhill Road West). Calendar Parking is currently provided on the north-south segment of Crowley Crescent immediately adjacent to the church. For the rest of the neighbourhood, parking is currently permitted for a 3-hour maximum on both sides of the street. Attachment B provides a map of the study area.

Parking Survey

In response to the concerns expressed by residents, staff surveyed the households on Crowley Crescent and Valleyview Drive in September 2018, in accordance with existing policy. The survey asked residents to indicate their choice for parking restrictions on their street. The survey included 55 households and the results of the survey are as follows:

	Number of	% of Total Surveys
	Surveys Returned	Issued
Calendar Parking Both Streets	17	30.9%
Calendar Parking Crowley Crescent Only	3	5.5%
Calendar Parking Valleyview Drive Only	1	1.9%
Leave As Is	15	27.2%
Did Not Respond	19	34.5%

The criterion to initiate parking changes on a residential street is that a minimum of 60% of the households surveyed agree to the changes. The results indicate that 38.3% of residents support some form of Calendar Parking, although the approval threshold was not met after the original survey.

In October of 2018, as a temporary measure, Emergency No Parking signs were posted on the east/west portion of Crowley Crescent to mimic calendar parking and to address the concern of emergency services who indicated they would not be able to traverse the area with vehicles parked on both sides of the road. Since the fall of 2018, complaints about illegal parking have significantly reduced and there have been no concerns expressed with the Emergency No Parking signs used to control parking on Crowley Crescent.

In the original survey, the majority of residents who responded to the survey indicated a preference for calendar parking to be implemented on both streets, rather than only on Crowley Crescent. When the previous parking restriction was put in place in 2009, to address parking immediately adjacent to the church, the on-street parking simply moved further into the neighbourhood. For the above reasons, it is recommended that calendar parking restrictions be implemented on both sides of Crowley Crescent and Valleyview Drive, from the east leg of Crowley Crescent to west leg of Crowley Crescent.

Summary

Since the fall of 2018, Emergency No Parking Signs have been used on Crowley Crescent to control parking during events at the adjacent church, and as a result, complaints have significantly reduced. The majority of residents who responded to a parking survey in 2018 preferred implementation of Calendar Parking on both sides of Crowley Crescent and Valleyview Drive. Given the success of the temporary measure, and the original survey response results Calendar Parking is recommended on both sides of Crowley Crescent and Valleyview Drive.

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Attachments

Appendix A: Crowley Crescent and Valleyview Drive Study Area

Appendix B: Site Photos – Crowley Crescent

Appendix A - Crowley Crescent and Valleyview Drive Study Area

Red area indicates proposed calendar parking restrictions Green area shows current calendar parking restrictions



Appendix B - Site Photo - Crowley Crescent

