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Town of Aurora

Committee of the Whole Report

No. PDS26-028

Subject: Don Hillock Drive and Goulding Avenue Parking Allowance

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Department: Planning and Development Services

Date: April 14, 2026

Recommendation

1. That Report No. PDS26-028 be received; and
2. That Parking Bylaw No. 4574-04.T be amended to allow on-street parking on Don Hillock Drive (south side between Leslie Street and Goulding Avenue) and Goulding Avenue (west side between Don Hillock Drive and Eric T Smith Way).

Executive Summary

A request was received from the York Regional Police Association (YRP) to lift the existing on-street parking prohibitions on Don Hillock Drive (south side between Leslie Street and Goulding Avenue) and Goulding Avenue (west side between Don Hillock Drive and Eric T Smith Way) to facilitate the ongoing parking challenges experienced at the YRP Headquarters.

- The Town's Parking Bylaw No. 4574-04.T prohibits on-street parking on both sides of the street within the subject area.
- Temporary parking allowances have been put in place on Don Hillock Drive (south side between Leslie Street and Goulding Avenue) and Goulding Avenue (west side between Don Hillock Drive and Eric T Smith Way) as requested by the YRP.
- Should Council approve the subject parking bylaw amendment, it is estimated that an additional 47 on-street parking spaces can be made available.

Background

The Town's Parking Bylaw No. 4574-04.T prohibits on-street parking on both sides of the street within the subject area

On-street parking is generally restricted on non-residential roads to accommodate expected high-volume traffic movement and heavy vehicles.

The existing road conditions of Don Hillock Drive (collector road) and Goulding Avenue (local road) are generally consistent with the Town's Engineering Design Standards for the respective road classification.

Don Hillock Drive:	Is a two-lane collector road with single lane per travel direction. It has an urban cross-section with curbs on both sides of the road and sidewalk on the south side. The existing pavement is 11.5 m wide and in accordance with the Town Zoning By-law No. 4574-04.T the posted speed limit is 50 km/h.
Goulding Avenue:	Is a two-lane local road with single lane per travel direction. It has an urban cross-section with curbs on both sides of the road. The existing pavement is 11.5 m wide and in accordance with the Town Zoning By-law No. 4574-04.T the posted speed limit is 50 km/h.

Analysis

Temporary parking allowances have been put in place on Don Hillock Drive (south side between Leslie Street and Goulding Avenue) and Goulding Avenue (west side between Don Hillock Drive and Eric T Smith Way) as requested by the York Regional Police Association.

A request to evaluate the existing on-street parking allowance within the subject area was received from the York Regional Police (YRP). The YRP indicated that parking at the YRP headquarters located on Don Hillock Way is at capacity due to increased volume.

Operations has placed bags over the no parking signs temporarily while staff assess the request and Bylaw has been made aware of the temporary parking changes.

Should Council approve the subject parking bylaw amendment, it is estimated that an additional 47 on-street parking spaces can be made available.

Staff have completed a preliminary parking assessment and have determined that by allowing parking on one side of the road the following spaces can be provided (Attachment 1):

- Don Hillock Drive (south side between Leslie Street and Goulding Avenue): an estimated 29 parking spaces can be provided.
- Goulding Avenue (west side between Don Hillock Drive and Eric T Smith Way): an estimated 18 spaces can be provided.

If parking on one side of the street is made permanent, the YRP has been made aware that overnight parking will still not be permitted during the winter months to allow for snow clearing from November 15 to April 15 between 2am and 6am.

The Town-wide Parking Study is currently underway with the anticipated completion date of Q4 2026. Given the ongoing parking challenges experienced by the YRP and in consideration of the minimal impact resulting from the subject on-street parking allowance, it is generally supportable to proceed with the parking bylaw amendment in advance of the Town-wide Parking Study.

Advisory Committee Review

None.

Legal Considerations

The Town has a duty to take reasonable steps to maintain road safety for all users. Responding to and appropriately investigating concerns raised by the public is an important part of reducing the risk of potential claims. By investigating concerns and adopting reasonable recommendations resulting from the investigation, the Town can show that it acted prudently, thereby helping it defend itself against legal claims while promoting a safer environment for the travelling public. Where the investigation is comprehensive and concludes that no modification or mitigation is necessary, the Town's liability exposure would generally not be increased, as it can demonstrate that it exercised reasonable judgment based on the information available at the time.

Financial Implications

Should Council approve the subject parking bylaw amendment as requested by the York Regional Police Association, the estimated cost is approximately \$5,000 for the one-time update (labour and material) of all required signage. This cost would be funded from the Town's existing approved operating budget.

Communications Considerations

None.

Climate Change Considerations

The recommendations from this report do not impact greenhouse gas emissions or impact climate change adaptation.

Link to Strategic Plan

This report supports the Strategic Plan goal of "Support an Exceptional Quality of Life for All" by examining traffic patterns and identify potential solutions to improve movement and safety at key intersections in the community.

Alternative(s) to the Recommendation

1. That Council provide direction.

Conclusions

This report presents to Council a potential lifting of the existing on-street parking prohibitions on Don Hillock Drive (south side between Leslie Street and Goulding Avenue) and Goulding Avenue (west side between Don Hillock Drive and Eric T Smith Way) to facilitate the ongoing parking challenges experienced at the York Regional Police Headquarters.

Under existing conditions, on-street parking within the subject area is prohibited on both sides of the street.

Should Council approve the subject parking bylaw amendment as requested by the York Regional Police Association, it is estimated that approximately 47 on-street parking

spaces can be provided at a one-time cost (labour and material) of approximately \$5,000 (Attachment 1).

Attachments

Attachment 1 - Proposed Parking Allowance Locations on Don Hillock Drive and Goulding Avenue

Previous Reports

None.

Pre-submission Review

Agenda Management Team review on March 26, 2026

Approvals

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