Parking Restrictions Burton Avenue

Transportation and Innovation Services staff received a request from the Grace Family Church at the corner of Jean Street and Burton Avenue asking that the current onstreet parking restrictions be reviewed in the area of the church. Burton Avenue is a paved residential roadway with an operating width of approximately 8 metres, curb and gutter and a posted speed limit of 50km/h (Figure 1 & 2). Parking is currently prohibited on the west side of the roadway from Kathleen Street to Frood Road on the east side from Jean Street to 39 metres north of Jean Street.

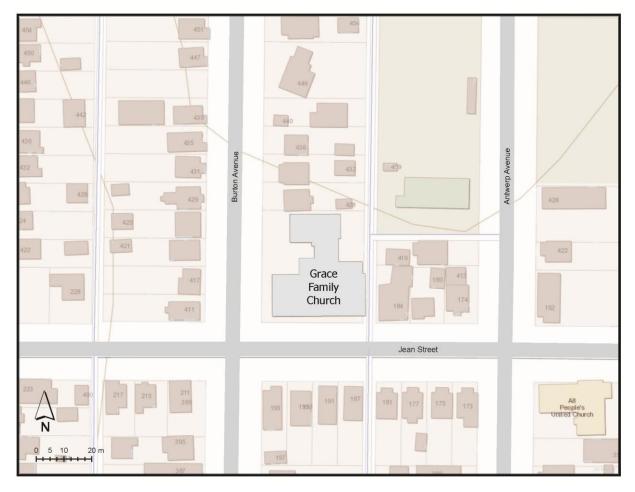


Figure 1 - Burton Avenue Overview



Figure 2 - Burton Avenue Street View

The primary function of a public road is for the safe and efficient movement of traffic. On-street parking may be considered when this criteria is met.

The Grace Family Church has brought forward a request to remove the parking restriction in front of the church on Burton Avenue. The church has only a small off street parking lot and therefore primarily relies on on-street parking for patrons of the church. They note that the current parking restriction is negatively impacting the number of available on-street parking spaces, especially for those with mobility issues who need to park closer to the main entrance of the church which fronts Burton Avenue. Staff reviewed the area and found the area from the intersection of Jean Street to 23 metres north of Jean Street is restricted under the general conditions of the Traffic and Parking By-law 2010-1 due to its proximity to the intersection. The area from 23 metres north of Jean Street to 39 metres north of Jean Street has no safety or operational need for the restriction and staff suspect the restriction was originally put in place to limit parking in front of the church. Grace Family Church would like to utilize this area for patron parking during their Sunday morning services. Completely removing the parking restriction would allow any resident to park in the area in advance of the church service, occupying the parking spaces before church services begin which would not help alleviate the parking concerns of the Grace Family Church.

Staff therefore recommends revising the parking restriction to allow parking in the above mentioned location on Sundays between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. to coincide with church services. Figure 3 below shows an overview of the recommended parking restrictions.

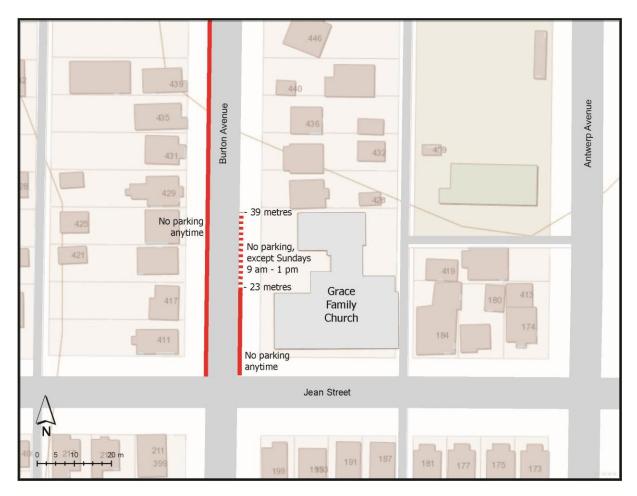


Figure 3 – Recommended Parking Restrictions