

Report

Roads and Transportation staff received a request from area residents to remove the parking restrictions on Hillcrest Drive in Lively and requested staff review the roadway to see if removing the parking restrictions could be achieved without having an impact on road safety.

Hillcrest Drive is a paved residential roadway with an operating width of approximately 7 metres, a mix of gravel and paved shoulders and a posted speed limit of 40 km/h. There is an existing sidewalk, separated from the roadway by a swale, on the north side of Hillcrest Drive between the entrance to the Kinsmen Sports Complex and Mikkola Road. Hillcrest Drive is classified as a collector road from Municipal Road 55 (M.R. 55) to Mikkola Road and a local road from Mikkola Road to Jessie Street. Transit route 701 also travels on Hillcrest Drive from M.R. 55 to Mikkola Road and has transit stops near the intersections with M.R. 55, Polvi Avenue and Mikkola Road (see Exhibit 'A'). Currently parking is prohibited on both sides of Hillcrest Drive from M.R. 55 to Jessie Street.

Staff completed a sight line study and found that the sight lines were acceptable on Hillcrest Drive with the exception of the intersection between Hillcrest Drive and Jessie Street. A further review of the street noted that the north side between Brian Street and Mikkola Road has dense driveway spacing and limited parking spaces would be available.

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. Staff recommends maintaining parking restrictions on the north side of Hillcrest Drive from M.R. 55 to Mikkola Road due to the road classification, presence of a transit route and operating width of the road. Staff also recommends maintaining parking restrictions on the south side of Hillcrest Drive from M.R. 55 to 40 metres east of Brian Street due to the hill and curve in the road. On Hillcrest Drive, east of Mikkola Road, the road classification lowers from a collector road to a local road and the numbers of vehicles which use this segment are reduced. For these reasons, staff recommends allowing parking on both sides of Hillcrest Drive from Mikkola Road to 30 metres west of Jessie Street. Also, as previously noted, sight lines at the intersection of Hillcrest Drive and Jessie Street are deficient. Staff recommend parking be restricted on both sides of Hillcrest Drive from 30 metres west of Jessie Street to Jessie Street and on both sides of Jessie Street from Hillcrest Drive to 33 metres south of Hillcrest Drive. All of staff's recommendations are illustrated on Exhibit "A".

In summary, to improve available parking for area residents, it is recommended that parking be allowed on the south side of Hillcrest Drive from 40 metres east of Brian Street to Mikkola Road and on both sides of Hillcrest Drive from Mikkola Road to 30 metres west of Jessie Street.