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## **Twinney Drive Parking Review Staff Report to Council**

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### **Recommendations**

1. That the report entitled Twinney Drive Parking Review, dated September 9, 2024, be received; and,
2. That a no parking zone to be implemented on the south side of Twinney Drive as outlined in Appendix A, be approved; and,
3. That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

### **Purpose**

This report outlines the findings of the Twinney Drive Parking study and provides recommendations for the next steps.

### **Background**

At its regular meeting on May 6, 2024, the Town Council requested that staff review additional parking restrictions on the south side of Twinney Drive. Currently, this side of Twinney Drive has some on-street parking zones, which are causing traffic safety issues for vehicles accessing driveways.

### **Discussion**

Twinney Drive is a short, 250 metre east-west industrial road connecting Forhan Avenue to Harry Walker Parkway South. Twinney Drive has 6 driveways on the north side and 7 single and combined driveways on the south side, many of which serve trucking

operations. Currently, the north side has 'No Parking' signs posted, while the south side has 'No Parking' signs in specific sections.

Large trucks require ample maneuvering space to enter and exit the driveways. Parked vehicles on the south side may restrict access to some driveways, leading to concerns about both traffic safety and operations.

Typically, industrial roads in the Town have 'No Parking' zones on both sides to facilitate truck movements, and all industrial sites are required to provide sufficient parking to meet their needs, similar to commercial sites.

Since the existing parking restrictions seemed inconsistent with the standard practice for industrial roads, a historical review was conducted to understand the reasoning behind these specific restrictions. The research traced back to 1988 when the parking restrictions were first implemented and before the construction of Harry Walker Parkway South in 2002/2003, although most buildings were already in place at that time. The review did not uncover any clear rationale suggesting the restrictions may have addressed a specific issue at the time that is no longer relevant today.

It is therefore recommended that the parking restrictions on the south side of Twinney Drive be amended to 'No Parking' from Forhan Avenue to Harry Walker Parkway South.

## **Conclusion**

It is recommended that the parking restrictions on the south side of Twinney Drive be amended to establish a 'No Parking' zone along the entire length of the south side, from Forhan Avenue to Harry Walker Parkway South.

## **Business Plan and Strategic Plan Linkages**

Well-planned and connected...strategically planning for the future to improve information access and enhance travel to, from, and within Newmarket.

## **Consultation**

As an industrial road, the Town's Public Consultation and Support Policy requirements, and the Parking Policy, do not fully apply due to the nature of the land use and occupancy. However, to gauge the views of the industrial community, a letter was sent on May 17, 2024, to all businesses on Twinney Drive. The Town received no responses.

## **Human Resource Considerations**

None.

## **Budget Impact**

Funds for the required signage would come from the Regulatory Signs – Engineering line from the Operating Budget. The cost would be approximately \$500.00 for the required signage.

## **Attachments**

Appendix A – Proposed Parking Bylaw Amendments

## **Approval**

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Peter Noehammer, Commissioner, Development & Infrastructure Services

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