

Clause No. 6 in Report No. 1 of Committee of the Whole was adopted, without amendment, by the Council of The Regional Municipality of York at its meeting held on January 23, 2014.

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ELGIN MILLS ROAD “NO STOPPING ANYTIME” RESTRICTION

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendations contained in the report dated December 11, 2013 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Community Planning:

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. A “No Stopping Anytime” restriction be established on both sides of Elgin Mills Road (Y.R. 49) from approximately 160 metres east to 120 metres west of Woodbine Bypass (Y.R. 8B), in the City of Markham.
2. The Regional Solicitor prepare the necessary bylaw.
3. The Regional Clerk forward this report to the Clerk of the City of Markham and to the Chief of York Regional Police.
4. York Regional Police be requested to assist with the enforcement of this “No Stopping Anytime” restriction, as their resources permit.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to implement a “No Stopping Anytime” restriction, of approximately 330 metres in length, on both sides of Elgin Mills Road between 160 metres east of Woodbine Bypass to 120 metres west of Woodbine Bypass. A location plan is appended to this report as *Attachment 1*. A Regional bylaw is required under the Highway Traffic Act before any “No Stopping Anytime” restriction can be signed and enforced.

3. BACKGROUND

Regional staff has received numerous complaints about trucks parking in the curb lane on Elgin Mills Road during the rush hour periods

Several area residents have expressed concerns regarding trucks stopping on both sides of Elgin Mills Road in the vicinity of Woodbine Bypass to visit the coffee shop on the south side. Staff has conducted site inspections and monitored the truck activity in June 2013 and verified that truck operators left their trucks in the curb lane for approximately ten minutes to visit the coffee shop. This resulted in heavy traffic congestion in the already busy corridor during peak periods, creating potential conflicts with other drivers travelling on Elgin Mills Road who are required to drive around the parked trucks.

Vehicles stopping on travelled portions of roadways can create safety concerns for other motorists. Stopped and parked vehicles can cause visibility restrictions for motorists travelling on Elgin Mills Road. “No Stopping Anytime” restrictions are often implemented on Regional roads in areas where parking of vehicles occurs on a regular and continual basis.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

The parked trucks in the curb lane of Elgin Mills Road cause further traffic congestion in the already busy corridor

Elgin Mills Road between Woodbine Bypass and Highway 404 is a four-lane urban roadway that carries an average of 9,500 vehicles daily, with a posted speed limit of 60 km/h. This area is primarily residential however, there is a coffee shop and gas station on the south side of Elgin Mills Road. A “No Parking Anytime” restriction (Bylaw 2013-46) is currently in effect on both sides of Woodbine Bypass, north and south of Elgin Mills Road.

In discussions with area residents, staff have learned that truck operators are parking their trucks on the westbound and eastbound curb lanes of Elgin Mills Road to visit the coffee shop on the south side. The parked trucks essentially force traffic to one lane in this area which, further increases congestion on Elgin Mills Road.

Staff conducted video observation to assess the frequency of the situation and concluded that a “No Stopping Anytime” restriction is necessary

On June 6, 2013, staff conducted a three-day video observation on Elgin Mills Road just east of Highway 404. The video observation confirmed that truck operators are parking their trucks for approximately 10 minutes on either side of Elgin Mills Road. As a result, westbound travelling motorists are being required to merge into one lane, causing a pinch point on Elgin Mills Road and further increasing delay for all motorists.

As a result, staff is recommending that a “No Stopping Anytime” restriction be established on both sides of Elgin Mills Road, from 160 metres east of Woodbine Bypass to 120 metres west of Woodbine Bypass.

Regional staff has informed the property owner of this proposed “No Stopping Anytime” restriction

On December 11, 2013, Regional staff contacted the property owner of the property located on the southwest corner of Woodbine Bypass and Elgin Mills Road. Staff explained the safety concerns on Elgin Mills Road and the need for the “No Stopping Anytime” restriction. The owner supports the “No Stopping Anytime” restriction on both sides of Elgin Mills Road.

Link to key Council-approved plans

This report supports Vision 2051 which responds to the needs of our residents, promoting safety on York Region roads through effective policing, education and sensitive design.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost associated with manufacturing and installing the “No Stopping Anytime” signs can be accommodated within the 2014 Transportation and Community Planning Budget.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

The Region will provide the signage to indicate the “No Stopping Anytime” restriction and also monitor the area after the bylaw is implemented. Enforcement of this bylaw will be carried out by the bylaw enforcement staff of the City of Markham and York Regional Police. This prohibition will improve safety on Elgin Mills Road for motorists travelling in the area. City of Markham staff is in support of the implementation of the “No Stopping Anytime” restriction.

7. CONCLUSION

To address traffic safety concerns with respect to trucks stopping on Elgin Mills Road, east of Highway 404, the implementation of a “No Stopping Anytime” restriction is proposed. The proposed bylaw for a “No Stopping Anytime” restriction will also assist in reducing some of the congestion on Elgin Mills Road during the peak periods. The local municipality’s bylaw enforcement officers, in accordance with Regional and Provincial

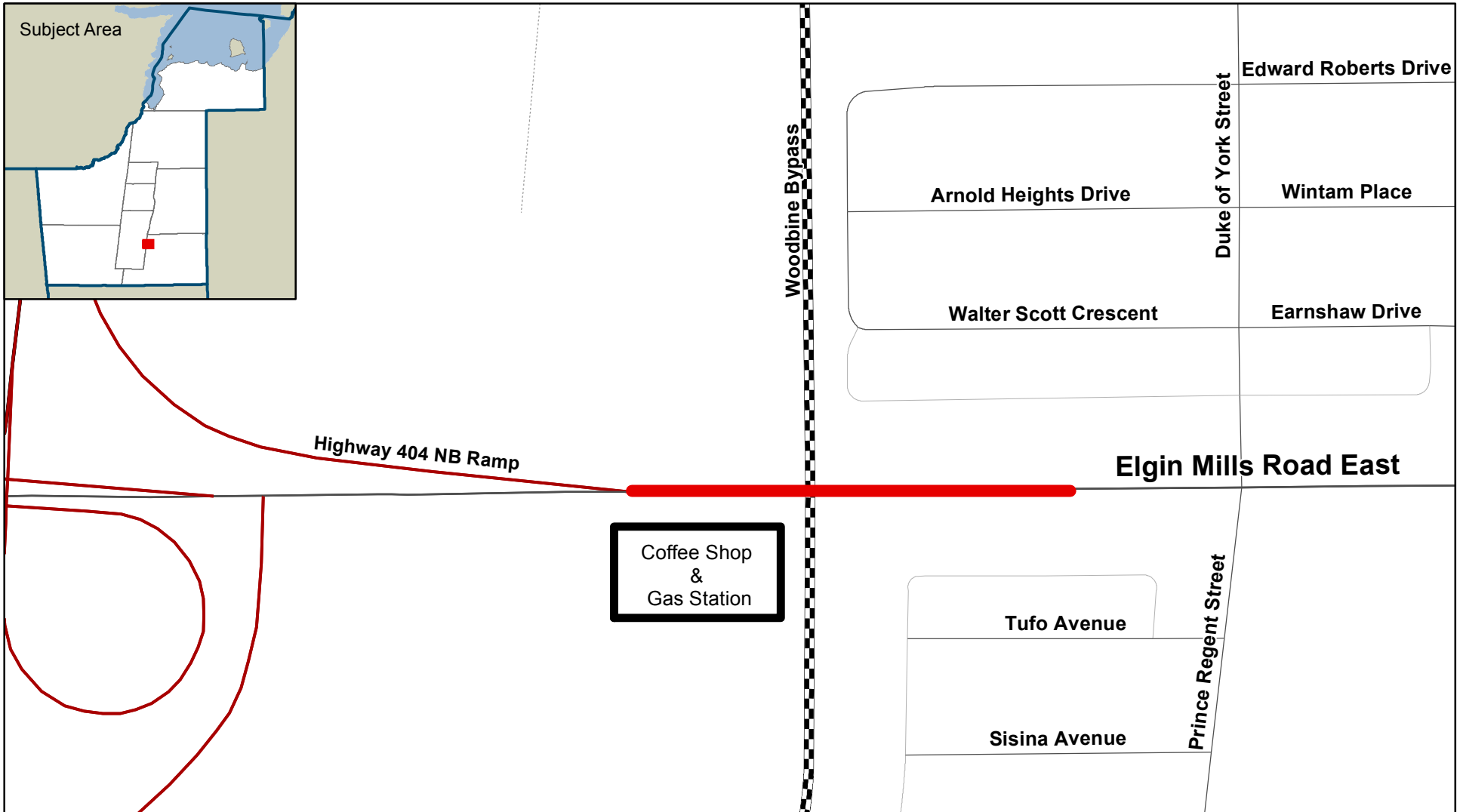
Offences Agreements, and York Regional Police, will carry out enforcement of this Regional bylaw.

The Regional Clerk is requested to forward this report and the bylaw to the Clerk of the City of Markham and to York Regional Police.

For more information on this report, please contact Steven Kemp, Director, Traffic Management and Intelligent Transportation Systems at ext. 75226.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.



Attachment (1)

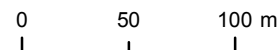


**Proposed "No Stopping Anytime" Restriction
Elgin Mills Road, City of Markham**

"No Stopping Anytime" Restriction on Elgin Mills Road, both sides
between 160m East and 120 West of Woodbine Bypass
January 9, 2014



Legend	
	Proposed "No Stopping Anytime" Restriction
	Existing "No Parking Anytime" Restriction



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