

From: John & Darlene Burns <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec 14(1)>
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2023 12:16 PM
To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>
Subject: Bylaw Boulevard Infractions

To Whom it May Concern,

My Name is John Burns and I live at <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec 14(1)>. We have lived here since July of 2008. In over 15 years we have never received a ticket for parking on the lower portion of our driveway. I realize this is city property but it is over 23 feet long and designed to park vehicles there safely.

Recently Coldstream Drive in Oshawa is being targeted for Boulevard Infractions pursuant to bylaw 79-99.

On November 15th, my Daughter-in-law who is 7 months pregnant pulled into our driveway at 10:35 AM. She had her son in the car seat. She took him out of the carseat and went into the house at 10:36. She was picking up my wife to take her to the Oshawa Clinic to get x-rays for her son. Because she is 7 months pregnant she needed assistance to have those tests done. They left the house at 10:39. As they were walking out to the vehicle, a bylaw vehicle pulled up at 10:39. He jumped out and handed her a \$40 parking ticket. Bylaw Officer was Henry badge 4465. I have the exact timelines recorded on RING Video.

This makes no sense to me. What this bylaw is saying is that it is ok at 7 months pregnant woman to park on the road and step out into oncoming traffic. Also open up a rear door and remove your child from a car seat and again step out into oncoming traffic than park on the lower half of a driveway that exceeds 23 feet and safely exit the vehicle.

The term Boulevard used to mean the grassy area between the property line/Sidewalk and the Curb/Road. The City of Oshawa has made the term Boulevard all encompassing boundary. This should not be a one size fits all bylaw. I walked Coldstream from Ritson Road to Townline Rd. Approximately 50% of homes have sufficient space to Safely park vehicles on the lower portion of their driveway and not park on the road which obstructs Buses and Fire Vehicles. the other 50% DO NOT have the capacity to park a vehicle without overhanging the Sidewalk or the Curb. This is the violation, if these people park vehicles that overhang the Sidewalk or Curb.

I know one of the complainants lives at <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec 14(1)>. This is about 6 houses from a school. He also lives on the inside of a curve of Coldstream heading west towards Clearbrook Drive. He has an issue backing out of his driveway. There is no space for cars to park on the lower [portion of their driveway on his side. His obstruction pertains mainly because of the curvature of the road when backing out. This also has a lot to do with the amount of cars around the area during School Starts and Stop times. Speed is also an issue. This is already a 40 zone, but rarely if ever do you see an actual officer patrolling speed. I have complained a number of times to DRPS, but there is no follow-up or patrolling of any kind.

I have 2 suggestions for our neighbor at <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec 14(1)>. Back into your driveway. This is what I do because Coldstream is a busy street. Another suggestion

would be to install convex mirror on the pole closest to his home. This would give him better visibility.

We the residents of Coldstream feel that we are being unfairly targeted to appease the few with louder voices. Control the persons actual problem in which he does not feel safe backing out of his driveway.

I received a letter from Bylaw in September. It was pertaining to Boulevard (Generic). I threw it out as I believed that it did not mean me because I have over 23 feet of safe parking at the bottom of my driveway.

I request a change to the bylaw which was made generic back in 2014 to be amended such that if there is ample space to park a vehicle, parallel with the main driveway and one meter from the curb to help with line of sight.

The onus should be on the drivers, the one backing out as well as the ones driving on the road to be cautious and courteous. Definately not the home owner with sufficient SAFE driveway space.

Thank You

John Burns

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The Bylaw Department has always been reactive, instead of proactive.

From: Jade McQuade <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec 14(1)>
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 9:03 AM
To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>
Subject: Committee Review Request - Oshawa Boulevard Parking Bylaw

Good Afternoon,

I live in the Pinecrest/Taunton area of Oshawa. I'm writing because of a recent surge in tickets my neighbourhood has received due to the bylaw regarding parking on the boulevard at the end of driveways.

With the recent population growth and housing crisis our province is enduring, there is a lack of affordable rentals, and purchasing is out of the question for many. This requires people to share accommodations, and young adults are staying with their parents longer than usual. These circumstances require additional parking. This bylaw is unfair to many residents and is putting unnecessary stress (and expense) on people just trying to park at their homes.

Clarington does not have rules against boulevard parking. Oshawa should follow suit. If people are parking on the boulevard and are not obstructing the road or sidewalk, it's really not inconveniencing the city or anyone around them.

Myself and many of my neighbours pay a significant amount in property taxes so we would like our needs to be considered. This rule is outdated for our current situation and needs to be reevaluated.

I would like for the committee to review this bylaw to better accommodate the neighborhood residents.

Regards,
Jade McDonald
<M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec 14(1)>

From: Tracy Dufour <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec 14(1)>
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 1:15 PM
To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>
Subject: Parking bylaw

Good afternoon,

I am writing on behalf of our neighbourhood and a concern that we have as a community.

The North Oshawa community has a Facebook group and members have recently been upset by cars being ticketed when parked on the boulevard. As a community, we would like to extend our concern over cars being ticketed throughout Oshawa for specifically parking in driveways with a sidewalk and boulevard.

We feel that in today's society with more and more children having to live at home longer due to financial constraints, it would be wonderful to have some leniency and understanding that most homes need a place for people who live in the homes to park. With the economy the way it is, people can't afford to get out on their own. More people are having to live under the same roof which results in more cars per household - not everyone is fortunate enough to have a large driveway.

We have had issues with neighbours who have a sidewalk and boulevard where someone is parked and the sidewalk is still accessible and there has been a ticket for parking. People park on the boulevard to avoid being ticketed for parking on the street. It's a no win situation.

We are hoping this bylaw in Oshawa can be reconsidered and make it less stressful for families to live together.

Thank you kindly for your consideration.

Sincerely

Tracy Dufour

From: Falguni Shah <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec 14(1)>

Sent: Saturday, November 18, 2023 11:20 AM

To: mdillon@durhamregion.com; now@cp24.com; Mayor@Oshawa.ca; John Neal <JNeal@oshawa.ca>; Rosemary McConkey <RMcConkey@oshawa.ca>; Tito-Dante Marimpietri <TDMarimpietri@Oshawa.ca>; Jim Lee (Councillor) <JALee@oshawa.ca>; Bob Chapman <BChapman@oshawa.ca>; Bradley Marks <BMarks@oshawa.ca>; Rick Kerr <RKerr@oshawa.ca>; Derek Giberson <DGiberson@oshawa.ca>; Brian Nicholson <BNicholson@oshawa.ca>; John Gray <JGray@oshawa.ca>; clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>

Subject: Re: Unfair & Discriminatory Bylaw enacted by City of Oshawa

This bylaw is inconsistent with neighbouring cities and creates bigger safety issues for the broader public. It will increase street parking - blocking cyclist lanes, obstructing views for road traffic, creating more hazards due to narrow driving lanes and increase in accidents.

There are more issues with constant speeding on Grandview and Coldstream, there are 7 schools in the vicinity.

1. What is the city's plan to stop speeding? Where are the speed bumps & traffic cameras ?
2. How is parking on a Boulevard (paved Driveway by the builder, approved by the city) going to STOP SPEEDING WHICH CAN CAUSE CATASTROPHIC BODILY INJURIES?

Excerpt from the bylaw 79-99 Article 4.28

4.28 BOULEVARD PARKING: No person shall PARK a VEHICLE on a HIGHWAY in such a manner that any part of the VEHICLE is on or over the BOULEVARD, unless:

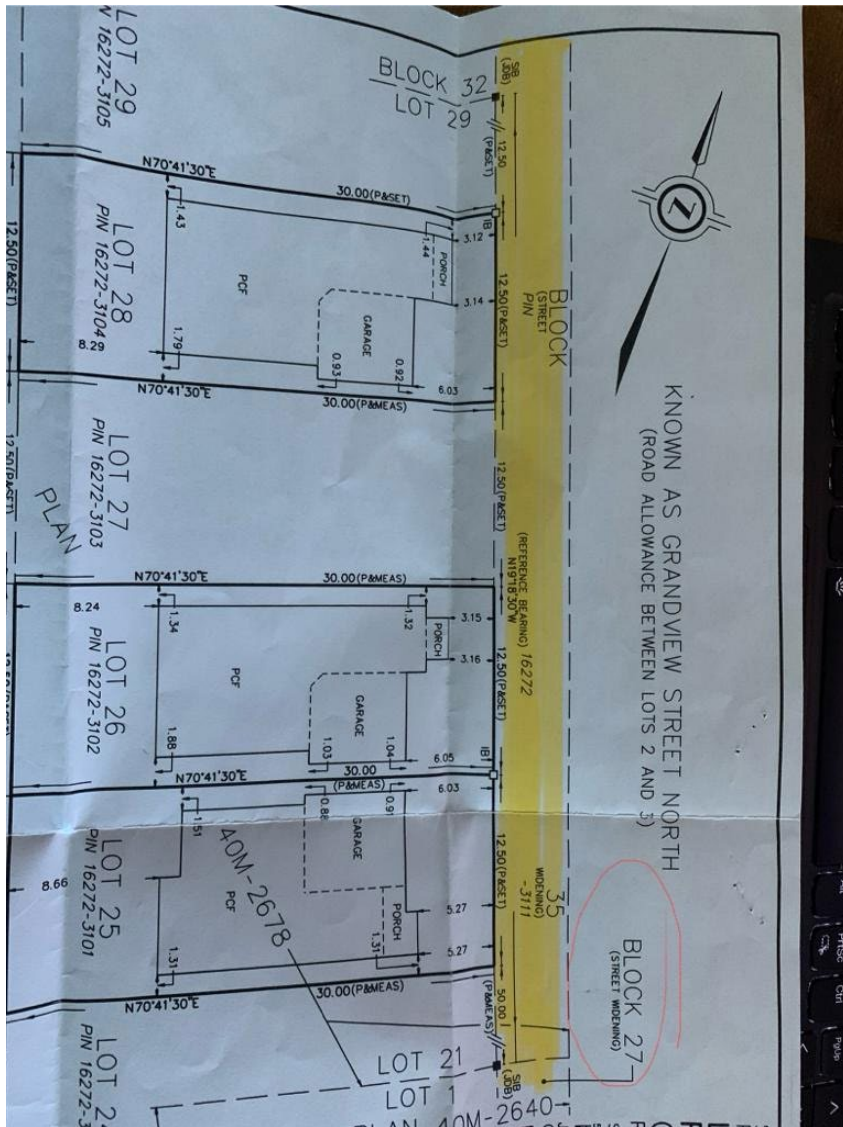
- (a) the BOULEVARD has been improved by the CITY for the purpose of PARKING and OFFICIAL SIGNS indicate same, or
- (b) the BOULEVARD has been leased to private interests for PARKING purposes.

Below is my home Survey report, which shows Block 27 belongs to the city because it mentions road widening.

Please provide an explanation of -

1. HOW WAS THE BUILDER ABLE TO PAVE DRIVEWAYS ON BLOCK 27 & CHARGE HOMEOWNERS FOR THAT ?
ALL THE PERMISSIONS HAVE TO BE SIGNED OFF BY THE CITY, RIGHT ? Means, the builder acted on behalf of the city to make Block 27 a paved driveway, which means "Boulevard has been improved by the CITY for the purpose of PARKING" but by not putting any "Official sign", City is now using it against the homeowners?
2. EXPLAIN WHY HOMEOWNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO MAINTAIN BLOCK 27 i.e. City Property BUT CANNOT USE IT ?

3. There are no plans to widen the road for 20+ years and yet the homeowners cannot use it and the City also won't use it? But we are expected to maintain it?? This is fascist behaviour



Racist comments have been made by the mayor saying "YOUR COMMUNITY" has created this issue. Rosemary of Ward 1 also mentioned that most homeowners on Coldstream and Grandview have 2nd independent units is why there is a lot of traffic.

1. This is clearly racial profiling and targeting certain ethnicities.
2. ALL OF US HAVE 'LEGAL' BASEMENT UNITS **APPROVED BY THE CITY?** WHAT WAS THE CITY/MAYOR & COUNCILORS EXPECTING, WE ARE SPENDING MONEY AND BUILDING SEPARATE UNITS FOR SHOW ??

Suggestions given by Rosemary:

1. Park in your neighbours driveway, if they don't have that many cars
2. Park across the street in plaza parking
3. Clear out your garage

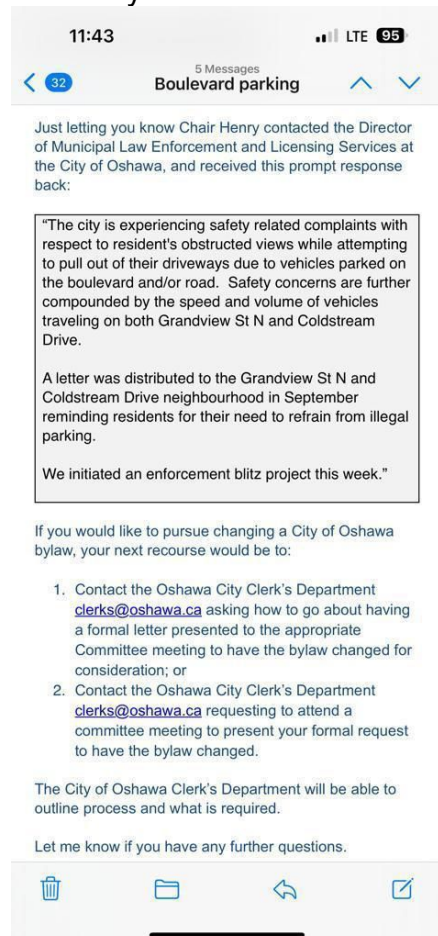
These are the leaders we have elected ??? Who has no clue about Private property laws ??

It's an unreasonable bylaw knowing houses further north on Grandview were built with walkout basements, multi-generational homes, separate units. As a resident of Oshawa & paying the highest taxes, this is PUNITIVE in the name of "safety".

It's a car, we can't just tuck it away. We need a solution asap, until then my property taxes include maintenance of city property....I expect the city to comply with lawn mowing & snow removal on "their" boulevard !!

FYI - A petition has started to get the city to retract this bylaw, we have already gathered hundreds of signatures and will continue until we get thousands. It's gone viral on all social media platforms to all regions.

On Fri, 17 Nov 2023 at 11:32, Falguni Shah <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec 14(1)> wrote:
The City of Oshawa has enacted a **discriminatory and unfair** bylaw targeting 2 streets in Oshawa, where homeowners will be ticketed for parking on "Boulevard", which is essentially a portion of the Driveway after the walkway, which belongs to the city even though the homeowner paid the builder to pave it. The city enacted this very old bylaw because some people complained that they can't see when backing out of their Driveway.



- Is this a valid reason to tell homeowners they can't park in their own driveway and if they do, they will get ticketed ?
 - Are we living in Communist country where the City will just enact old/outdated bylaws without assessing the domino effect?
 - Did they think of the aftermath before listening to some handful of residents who obviously never took driving lessons on how to back out.
1. Shouldn't they have been told to reverse park or take more driving lessons on how to back out, **instead of ticketing the entire community for parking on their own driveway?**
 2. With the onset of this bylaw, vehicles must park on the street, which is only permitted in 3-hr increments, so where are residents supposed to park?
 3. **City wants to ticket us for parking on our driveway AND on the street, IS THE CITY TRYING TO PRICE GOUGE THEIR RESIDENTS AND UNFAIRLY COLLECT MONEY FROM THE THOSE WHO PAY THE HIGHEST TAX IN DURHAM REGION?**
 4. During winter months and snow ploughs coming around to clean the road, if cars are parked on the street, is the city taking the responsibility to pay for all the claims because everyone's parked vehicles will get hit/damaged by the snow ploughs?
 1. If the City prepared to pay for additional claims and litigation costs for damaged vehicles?
 5. Are we not allowed to have guests over now as well, family/friends for vacation/holidays, are they expected to park on the street or they will get ticketed for parking on the Driveway?
 6. Homeowners are not allowed to park on Boulevard but it is still the homeowner's responsibility to clear the snow on this portion of the Driveway which belongs to the city ?? This is called dictatorship !!
 7. **CANADIANS ARE STRUGGLING WITH HIGH INTEREST RATES, INFLATION, RECESSION, HOUSING UNAFFORDABILITY.**
 1. Many households have legal finished basements which are rented to tenants, who also have their own vehicles where are they supposed to park?
 2. Kids are living at home with their parents because they cannot afford high rents or buy a house, where are they supposed to park?
 8. Our neighbouring community of Clarington has already made provisions for boulevard parking - a solution that could also be beneficial in Oshawa.

Winter Parking

Parking regulations during snow clearing:

- You cannot park on any street between the hours of 3 and 5 a.m. year round
- You cannot park on the street during a snow storm at any time of day or night. If you park on the street during a snow event, your vehicle may be towed.

Remember: Parking on the street during a snow event can slow down snow clearing operations, and in some cases, it may stop snow clearing from taking place on that street.

Parking Considerations

In the Municipality of Clarington, residents and visitors may request a parking exemption for up to seven days per calendar year, per licence plate, free of charge. This is to accommodate last minute visitors and overnight guests.

On-street parking permits for longer durations are available for a fee. If you are looking for a more permanent solution to your parking needs you can apply for weekly or monthly passes. The applications will be reviewed based on parking availability on the street.

Clarington Municipal Law Enforcement Office

2611 Trulls Road, Courtice
(same building as Fire Station 4)
905-623-3379 ext. 2105

Office Hours:
Monday to Friday
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Summer Hours
Monday to Friday
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Officer Hours:
Monday to Friday
8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturdays
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Summer Hours
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Saturdays
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To obtain this information in an alternate format, please contact the Accessibility Coordinator at 905-623-3379 ext. 2113.

Clarington

Parking Rules in Clarington



Traffic By-Law

Clarington's Traffic By-Law regulates traffic and on-street parking on highways, municipal streets, boulevards, as well as sidewalks, and municipal property.

On-Street Parking

On-street parking is prohibited:

- For more than three hours
- Between 3 and 5 a.m.
- Further than 15 cm from the curb
- On or over a sidewalk or footpath
- Within 15 m of a crosswalk, intersection or roundabout
- In the centre of a cul-de-sac
- Within 3 m of a community mailbox or the hydrant
- Within 1 m of a driveway
- When snow is being plowed or removed from a road

For a complete list of parking regulations, visit our website at www.clarington.net/parking or call the Municipal Law Enforcement Division at 905-623-3379 ext. 2105.

Parking 101



Parking is allowed on the paved portion of your boulevard as long as the vehicle is not blocking or overhanging the road or the sidewalk. The photo above is parked correctly.



In the photo above, the vehicle is overhanging into the road, which may impede traffic.



In the photo above and the photo below, the vehicle is parked over the sidewalk, making it dangerous for pedestrians, especially those pushing a stroller or using a wheelchair.



Proper parking is at least on the boulevard portion of your driveway as long as the vehicle is not on or over the road, sidewalk or grass.



School Zones

Motorists must park safely at schools and obey 'No Parking' and 'No Stopping' signs and all rules of the road. Leave bus stops for buses, and fire routes for emergency vehicles. Ensure crosswalks are clear for children to cross safely. Parking Enforcement Officers routinely patrol schools to enforce parking regulations.



Oshawa is one of the most expensive Canadian cities for renters. That's



according to a new report from Rentals.ca, who say prices are soaring across the country. They found **the average Canadian rental price has hit a new high for the sixth month in a row.** 3 days ago

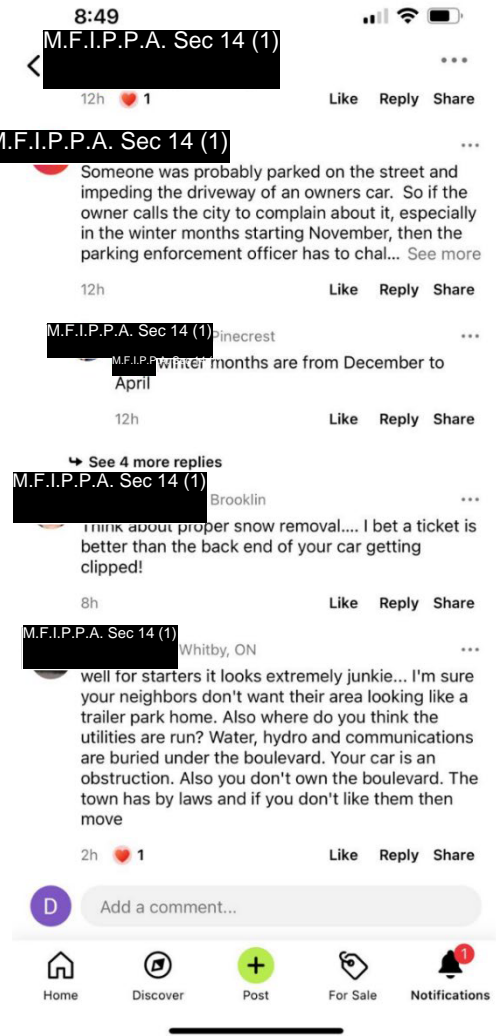


<https://www.durhamradionews.com> > ...



Oshawa named one of Canada's most expensive cities for renters, as

Below are the people **who do not want to welcome new people into Oshawa**. And the City is listening to a handful of residents rather than the majority, which means that the City is being Discriminatory and is basically speaking the same language as them.



The amendment of this bylaw would provide much-needed relief to the residents struggling with limited parking options due to shared living arrangements or multi-car households. It's time we adapt our regulations to better serve the changing needs of our "Entire" community rather than pleasing a handful of people who need to learn how to back out of their driveway.

City, MP's, Mayors, Councillors need to respect the fact that Oshawa's demography and economy has changed & we pay the highest tax in Durham region. If we all move away (as suggested by Brian Larkin in the above msg), Oshawa will go back to becoming a welfare city. This will definitely get reflected in the next election of whom we should/should not elect to represent us.

Resident of Oshawa for 2 years and am now wondering if I made the right decision moving here !! Surely there are thousands who are thinking the same.....

From: Falguni Shah <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec 14(1)>
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2023 8:35 PM
To: Pamela Aguilera <PAguilera@oshawa.ca>
Cc: <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec 14(1)>; <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec 14(1)>; <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec 14(1)>
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<JNeal@oshawa.ca>
Subject: Re: Bylaw Boulevard Infractions

Hi Pamela,

Thank you for scheduling the special joint committee meeting with C.O.S and Safety & Facilities on January 15, 2024 at 3pm.

Attached is the proposal from North Oshawa residents to amend Bylaw 79-99 (4.28 Boulevard parking).

Thank you for your time.

November 30, 2023

Reference: Amendment to Traffic Bylaw 79-99 (4.28) Boulevard parking

City of Oshawa

To Whom It May Concern:

Residents of Coldstream and Grandview Street N, Oshawa, would like to put forth a formal letter to City of Oshawa to consider amending the bylaw 79-99 (4.28) to allow parking "on" the Boulevard.

Oshawa Residents Proposal for 79-99 (4.28) Amendment

City of Oshawa can adopt the same bylaw language as Region of Clarington:

For your safety and the safety of the community, do not park on the boulevard portion of your driveway if your driveway is located within 15 metres of an intersection. The boulevard is the portion of land between your property line and the road or curb. Cars parked in the boulevard, within 15 metres of an intersections, are parked illegally.

OR alternatively amend the current bylaw as follows:

BOULEVARD PARKING: No person shall PARK a VEHICLE on a BOULEVARD, that has been improved by the CITY for the purpose of parking, in such a manner that any part of the VEHICLE is OVER the BOULEVARD. For your safety and the safety of the community, do not park on the boulevard portion of your driveway if your driveway is located within 15 metres of an intersection. Cars parked over the boulevard or on the boulevard within 15 metres of an intersections, are parked illegally.

Current City of Oshawa Bylaw states: 79-99 (4.28)

BOULEVARD PARKING: No person shall PARK a VEHICLE on a HIGHWAY in such a manner that any part of the VEHICLE is on or over the BOULEVARD, unless:

(a) the BOULEVARD has been improved by the CITY for the purpose of PARKING and OFFICIAL SIGNS indicate the same, or

(b) the BOULEVARD has been leased to private interests for PARKING purposes.

Residents Reasons/Concerns for proposing to amend the by law:

1. The Boulevard on Grandview and Coldstream streets & many other streets in the City, have been *“improved by the CITY for the purpose of parking” (4.28(a))*, but there is no official sign indicating “parking or no parking”. If no explicit sign of “no parking”, it is implied that parking is allowed.
2. **Ambiguity in the application of the by-law**
2014 report stated - *In most cases, enforcement is a mix between responding to complaints from residents living in the area or proactive based on sighted safety impacts from vehicles illegally parked on the boulevard and obstructing sightlines. The parking issues tend to exist primarily in areas with smaller lots but also can occur in areas with large lots.*

Enforcement occurs due to complaints from the residents:

- Safety issues should be for the entire city, and complaints do not necessarily constitute safety issues.
 - a. How much proactive inspection are the bylaw officers doing to ensure the complaints are valid and truly causing safety issues?
 - b. Are there pictures of the tickets given to the homeowners (on large lots) showing that 5-6 cars were parked on or over the boulevard obstructing the view causing safety issues on Grandview and Coldstream?
 - Does the city have accident/claims data for past 5 years, involving boulevard parking on large lots, which the City or their insurance company had to pay?
 - Lot size is mentioned in the 2014 report – *“issue is more prevalent on smaller lots”*, this is the boulevard towards the bottom of the driveway, which cannot accommodate 1 car (vertically), so people park horizontally creating safety issues because it would restrict sight when backing out.
3. **Traffic issues on Coldstream and Grandview streets - ARTERIAL roads.**
 - a. Both the streets have heavy traffic of cars but also includes City transit/paratransit & School buses.
 - b. Due to construction North of Grandview and Colin, there are many Heavy vehicles passing through – Dump trucks, Cement trucks etc.
 - c. There are parking/bike lanes on these two streets where vehicle(s) do park for up to 3-hour limit, which means both the roads are still wide enough for the roadway traffic to flow as well.
 1. If owners are forced to park their vehicles on the street (3hr limit) vs using the boulevard parking (vacant), it causes more congestion and traffic on ARTERIAL roads which already have heavy traffic of cars, trucks, transit/school buses, Snowplough trucks, Garbage/Recycle Trucks, Construction trucks etc.
 2. More vehicles parked on the street causes more poor visibility for those trying to backout of their driveway(s) because they must be “out on the roadway” to see if the roadway is clear, which is more dangerous to the safety and probability of collision is much higher. Onus still falls on the driver backing out.
 3. Very high probability of vehicle(s) parked on the street getting rear ended by speeding vehicles and or heavy vehicles – Snowploughs, Garbage trucks etc.
 4. Winter storms with snow piled up on the landscaped portion (on Grass) of the Boulevard and City ploughs piling the snow on street corners can also cause visibility issues when backing out of the driveway, but again the onus is on the driver to ensure they yield to the traffic on the roadway.
 - d. There are 7 schools within the vicinity – Many parents & children walk to schools. However, there are NO speed bumps or traffic cameras installed. There are lots of cars and big trucks always speeding on these streets. **Lack of Speeding related infrastructure on ARTERIAL roads should be of grave concern for the city to ensure that a life is not lost or severely damaged, that was preventable.**
 4. **Socio-Economic changes post COVID:**
 - a. City of Oshawa, particularly North Oshawa is the fastest growing city in Canada, with a population surge never seen.
 - i. Residents of North Oshawa pay the highest tax in Oshawa & Durham region.
 - ii. People of different ethnicity, culture & values are moving here, assisting with financial/economic & cultural development & growth of the city.
 - iii. Different cultures bring in different values where multi-generational families live together.

- iv. With boom in population growth, city has also seen a positive shift with more employment opportunities being created, reducing unemployment and welfare payouts.
 - v. As per <https://www.oshawa.ca/en/business-development/tour-of-growth-and-development.aspx>
 - Oshawa is ranked number one for development approval timelines across the G.T.A.*
 - Oshawa posted the highest rate of population growth in Canada at 2.1%*
 - Oshawa G.D.P. is expected to grow by 5.2% in 2021 and 4.7% in 2022*
 - Downtown Oshawa is included in the **Lakeshore East GO Train extension**, with an estimated economic value of \$1.1B in urban development with 21,000 new jobs*
 - Oshawa is among some of the top regions for millennial migration in Canada.*
 - Oshawa is one of Canada's fastest growing markets for tech talent – **CBRE***
 - Oshawa is ranked number one community in Durham Region – **Maclean's Magazine***
 - Oshawa is one of the **top 5 mid-sized advanced manufacturing clusters in North America**, with an advanced manufacturing labour force of 7,900*
 - b. Residents working in Private Sector, mostly work from home or have hybrid work arrangements of 50%.
 - c. **High interest rates have created housing and rental unaffordability, first time in the entire nation.**
 - i. Working adults who are single or married between the age of 18-30+, 50%+ have moved back home with their parents/in-laws because they can no longer afford rent/mortgage, even though they have jobs. They have brought their vehicles with them. So, there are more cars at home than usually would be.
 - ii. Homeowners cannot afford high mortgage because they were on variable interest rates, study shows people making six figures' incomes also cannot afford to pay their mortgages, have taken loans to build a legal basement apartment or renting rooms to students to supplement their income to ensure mortgage is paid on time & there is food on the table. Homeowners & Tenants have their own cars.
5. **Non- vehicle parking, Service provider/Contractor parking**
 People providing home services are expected to park where? Street at 3-hour intervals.
- iii. Support/Home care workers visiting everyday.
 - iv. Grocery drops off for elderly/handicap residents.
 - v. Contractors for home renovations
 - vi. Garbage bins for contractor waste
 - vii. Residents who own Trailers, Boats, and Motorcycles.
6. **Family and Friends parking**
- d. Family & Friends visiting for parties or holidays i.e., Christmas, Summer vacations, March break from outside GTA/other provinces.
 - i. Are they expected to park on the street at 3-hour intervals or get parking permission for Boulevard parking for 11 days, even though the Boulevard parking would be "vacant" without the permit?
 - 1. What is the threshold for 11-day parking permit, number of days allowed per month or per year? If per year, then it's not enough based on the holiday/summer vacations alone.
7. **Builder vs Future City Planning**
- a. City has no plans to expand Grandview and Coldstream any time soon. When speaking with our councillors, it was mentioned could be 20+ years.
 - b. North Oshawa continues to grow, with over 300+ homes being built north of Conlin/Harmony
 - c. Traffic will become more congested & Grandview getting extended north of Conlin will become even more busy.
 - d. Builders advertise 4-6 (outside) parking facilities when selling these homes.
 - e. **Homeowners are made to pay for the paving; landscape price is included with the home sale price. Homeowners pay for maintenance, and general upkeep i.e., watering the grass, shoveling the snow on the Boulevard under the implied premise that homeowners can use the Boulevard parking until the city needs to widen the road, ensuring not to park over the boulevard parking.**
8. **Review of CS-14-62 report.** dated June 12, 2014, indicated:

5.3 MLE Comments:

Complaints typically originate from neighbouring residents and motorists concerned about safety due to blocked sightlines and reduced visibility while travelling in and out of driveways or travelling through intersections.

Municipal Law Enforcement investigates boulevard apron (the driveway area on the boulevard) parking complaints associated with:

- **Vehicles parking on the “driveway apron” and obstructing the sightlines of neighbours exiting their driveways;**
- **Vehicles partially obstructing sidewalks or the road; and,**
- **Vehicles driving over grassed areas of the boulevard to park on the solid surface driveway apron.**

MLE addresses such matters on a reactive (complaint) basis; however, officers also conduct proactive enforcement where they observe blatant hazardous and/or unsafe situations.

MLE Officers observe that the boulevard parking problem is often associated with:

- **Properties having more cars than can be physically accommodated on the private driveway;**
- **Garages that cannot be accessed for parking because they are used as storage areas;**
- **Houses being rented by multiple tenants who have vehicles; and,**
- **Houses that are frequented by many visitors.**

****The parking issues tend to exist primarily in areas with smaller lots but also can occur in areas with large lots.**

- Safe sightline available to pedestrians** – On Coldstream and Grandview, Walkway is “after” the Homeowners (owned) portion of the driveway, Boulevard Driveway is past the walkway, so there is NO safety sightline concerns for pedestrians.
- Obstructing sidewalks or the roads** – Boulevard parking on Coldstream and Grandview are deep and wide that vehicles do not obstruct the sidewalk or roads.
- Vehicles parked over grassed areas of the boulevard to park on the solid surface of driveway apron** – MLE should be providing pictures of vehicles parked on the grass area of the Boulevard on Grandview and Coldstream, the size of the Boulevard driveway is deep and wide that this would not occur.
- Safe sightlines available to motorists to ensure visibility to prevent collisions** – This does not explicitly state that the “safe sightline” must be from neighbours’ driveway. The Driveways are so deep & wide that motorist must come to the edge of the Boulevard Driveway to see before entering the roadway.

FYI - Grandview East the Boulevard parking lot is bigger than Homeowners private parking lot.

Boulevard Size matters - The visibility & parking issue is for those Boulevards parking(s) which are on smaller lot(s) (*cited on the CS-14-62 report on page 4*). Grandview and Coldstream streets & many other streets in the city, have wide and deep lots that can accommodate 2-4 cars without going “over” the walkway or hanging “over” the travelled roadway. EG: Grandview East boulevard driveways are 29.5 ft long and 19.3 ft (can accommodate up to 4 cars) & Grandview West are 22.5 feet wide and 17.5 feet long (can accommodate 2 cars).

****The pictures in 2014 report clearly show vehicle(s) were parked “over” the Boulevard i.e., Sidewalk, roadway, grass, primarily on smaller lots, parked horizontally on Boulevard parking which can barely accommodate one sedan.**

As per Ontario Highway Traffic Act 139

139 (1) Every driver or streetcar operator entering a highway from a private road or driveway shall yield the right of way to all traffic approaching on the highway so closely that to enter would constitute an immediate hazard. R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8, s. 139 (1).

Definition of the Boulevard - means that part of the “Highway” between the property line and the edge of the travelled “Roadway”. A “Boulevard” may or may not contain a “Sidewalk” or “Driveway”.

- Boulevard was already “improved by the city for the purpose of parking”, then it NO longer forms part of the travelled “roadway”, even though it constitutes as being part of the Highway by definition only.
 - The driver is NOT entering the Boulevard attached to their own property line so closely that entering would constitute an immediate hazard because Boulevard was “improved by the city for the purpose of parking”. The immediate hazard still lies on the travelled “Roadway”.
 - As per the OHTA, the onus is on the driver to yield before entering the highway, act does not mention that the onus is on the neighbour, who has car parked on the Boulevard which was “*improved by the city for the purpose of parking*”.
8. **By-Law 79-99 – City of Oshawa**
4.37 General Time Limit: *No person shall Park a Vehicle on a Highway:*

- i. for a period longer than 3 hours, unless an Official Sign is displayed which indicates otherwise; or unless the Vehicle is a Vending Vehicle that holds a licence pursuant to Schedule “L” of Licensing By- law 120-2005;
- ii. for a period longer than 4 hours when the Vehicle displays a valid Accessible Person Parking Permit, unless an Official Sign is displayed which indicates otherwise.

4.38 states: Seasonal offence

- i. Parking on City Streets is not allowed between 2am and 6am from December 1 to April 1.
- ii. Parking that interferes with snow clearing operations is not allowed. Any vehicle parked in a manner which hinders efficient snow clearing operations may be ticketed or towed.

4.28 states:

- I. Boulevard Parking: No person shall Park a Vehicle on a Highway in such a manner that any part of the Vehicle is **on or** over the Boulevard, unless:
- II. (a) the Boulevard has been improved by the city for the purpose of Parking and Official Signs indicate same, or
- III. (b) the Boulevard has been leased to private interests for Parking purposes.

4.28, 4.37 and 4.38 together are extremely restrictive, when the city is experiencing a population boom and the best economic & population growth post COVID.

We urge the City Councillors to consider & recognise that the “current” Boulevard parking bylaw is detrimental to the growing population and does not serve the intended purpose any longer. An amendment to this By-law is imminent based on all the above reasons and gives an opportunity for the city & it’s residents to work together in the future to build a fair, safe & thriving community within the Durham region.

We look forward to having a meaningful & productive committee meeting with the City on January 15, 2024.

Thank you for your time.

Residents of North Oshawa.

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