

Give staff authority for parking woes: reader

I was sampling through old copies of The Auroran and saw the item regarding Lensmith Drive and no parking. It was a separate agenda item involving sight line restrictions at the 90 degree road bend due to parked cars. Well, that is an old been there, done that work item for me. I also was in the job of being a traffic analyst for 25 years. The interesting part was the Councillor that encourages a review of all similar road bends throughout Aurora by Town staff. And did the Aurora CAO or Manager of Engineering have any reaction to that? Why sure they can get that done for you ASAP! Was it not foolhardy tasks like this that led to a noticeable departure of Town staff (senior or junior ranks) not long ago? As a newsflash for the Councillor, Aurora has hundreds of similar angle bends throughout the Town. And on-street parking restrictions are always a thorny issue to report on and deal with. Some residents cry foul when restrictive signage happens and others, the often fast drivers, appear to need them to properly see others driving the opposite way. Aurora's no parking bylaw might need to contain a general provision entry; to restrict parking with appropriate signs back from curves, bends etc. But Council will overwhelm staff doing multi-page staff reports over Catch-22 issues like this. Its better to give staff the authority to authorise installing no parking signs where persistent complaints arise. The general provision, comprehensive bylaw entries are several ones designed for logistical efficiency. And it helps ease the pain for subdivision motorists that refuse to slow down when driving around familiar curves or bends in their roads.

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