

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen of Cobourg Town Council,

We are writing to inform you of the parking concern in West Park Village (and specifically Henderson Drive which is our street)

We are quite concerned about the volume of vehicles continuously parking on the street day and night...and often days at a time. We have tried calling By-Law in the past and were told that if the vehicle has a valid license plate on it, there is nothing that they can do. We feel this is unacceptable.

It is the semi-detached houses (East side), each with a garage and driveway (room for 3 vehicles) facing Henderson, that continually park on both sides of the street.

We understand that the city is currently reviewing the Parking By-Law for the town.

Snow removal has always been and will continue to be a major problem if the parking issue is not resolved. We understand we have to wait for snow removal of major arteries, so if someone is parking on the street when the plow finally comes by, we have to wait for them to circle back. The residents are primarily of retirement age and older and if roads are not clear, it is very dangerous for them when they are walking to their mailboxes or just around the neighborhood.

It is also very difficult to put garbage out when vehicles are parked in front of our homes. We have noticed that garbage trucks have a difficult time maneuvering around these vehicles parked on the street. Sometimes our garbage is missed since the carriers cannot see our garbage due to "our neighbor's" vehicles parked in front of our homes.

Since Henderson is used as a School Bus route, it adds to the on-going congestion.

We have had, in the past; many ambulances arrive on our street to tend to residents. We are very concerned about emergency vehicles having clear access to our homes.

We do not want "No Parking" signs on either side since it inhibits residents from having visitors. It is the residents that are causing the problem, not visitors. In addition, it doesn't solve the problem of congestion, it simply diverts all cars from one part of the street to another and the above concerns remain.

We feel that "No Overnight Parking" all year round is the best solution as it will set a precedent for residents to park in their driveways. We are not sure what else can be done to convince people to park in their driveways and not use the street as their personal parking lot as every house has a garage and driveway which can accommodate 3 vehicles comfortably.

We moved to West Park Village because it was advertised as a nice quiet neighborhood, however, with the volume of vehicles on the street now, it has ruined the esthetics of our little street and turned it into a parking lot. Henderson Drive is a small narrow street that simply cannot accommodate this volume of vehicles parked on it.

We have checked with other municipalities specifically Port Hope and Clarington and both do not allow any on street parking over night from December 1 till March 15 from 2-7am. We have called Port Hope to confirm that this includes all streets, both commercial and residential. We have attached this notice for your consideration. We feel that "No Overnight Parking" all year round is the best solution as it will set a precedent for residents to park in their driveways.

We appreciate your time and effort on this matter and look forward to your response.

Please see below, a list of residents who are in favor of this above mentioned restricted parking.

Unit# [REDACTED] – Margaret and Dan Young
Unit# [REDACTED] – Gary and Deb Kirton
Unit# [REDACTED] – Patricia Morgan
Unit# [REDACTED] – Paul and Margaret Thisby

Unit# [REDACTED] – Bob and Deb Wakelin
Unit# [REDACTED] – Cesar and Sharon Teves
Unit# [REDACTED] – Winnie Gerrow