

Civic Works Committee meeting - October 1, 2012

To the Civic Works Committee:-

I wish to support the reasons why parking on the west side of Trowbridge Avenue to accommodate some clients of the Medical Building is not acceptable to most of the residents.

Safety concerns

1. Congestion at the Springbank end of the street makes access to and from Springbank awkward.

2. People leaving their cars walk up and down the middle of the street (no sidewalks) as if it was a parking lot. They seem to presume they have right-of-way. Parking can stretch at least half way down Trowbridge.

3. Car doors are left open while they look for things or bring out strollers etc.

4. Incoming cars stop and turn into driveways and reverse out between cars in a dangerous manner. They obstruct driveways. Schoolchildren are at risk from blocked sightlines.

5. Some of these people chose to cross Springbank from the west side of Trowbridge, ignoring the crosswalk, thus causing a further hazard for cars turning right off the street.

6. Two cars passing on the street with a line of parked cars and pedestrians is a headache - and very dangerous.

Winter

1. Trowbridge has quite a slope up to Springbank and walking and driving in winter conditions is hazardous, especially if the plough is late.

2. Snow banks will increase the danger from people turning in driveways. They do this all the way down the street and drive back up to park.

3. Slush and ice at the top of the street make each return to Trowbridge exciting. It is not a straightforward corner. Parked cars will increase the hazard.

4. Pedestrians have nowhere to escape to in deep snow. School children will be at increased risk with the road narrowed by parked cars. Ice and snow compound all of the above difficulties.

As the majority of residents on Trowbridge voted to ban on-street parking altogether after many months of living with these inconveniences, I hope that you as a Committee will appreciate that this is the correct decision.

Most sincerely,

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