

8. SWANNS ROAD - REMOVAL OF A SECTION OF P10 PARKING RESTRICTION

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to remove a short section of ten minute parking restriction in Swanns Road just east of the Stanmore Road intersection.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. There are currently two short sections of ten minute parking restrictions on the north and south sides of Swanns Road just east of Stanmore Road. These restrictions were installed in 2004 to generate regular turnover of car parking for the dairy located on the corner. A concern has been raised from the owner of a nearby residential property further to the east on Swanns Road that staff from the nearby commercial activities on Stanmore Road now have to park further along Swanns Road outside residential properties. This has created inconvenience and amenity issues for this resident.
3. The ten minute restriction on both the north (four spaces) and south (two spaces) (**see Attachment 1**) sides of Swanns Road was needed to provide short term parking for the dairy that once occupied the building on the corner of Stanmore Road and Swanns Road. This dairy no longer exists and the building is now used as a café and restaurant. The Department of Corrections occupies a significant part of the remaining commercial floor space on the corner and has a car parking area accessed from a vehicle crossing on Swanns Road that bisects the P10 parking restriction on this side of the road.
4. A report to the Board recommending the removal of the P10 restrictions from both sides of Swanns Road was drafted last year but was not formally considered by the Board due to concerns being raised by Graham Riddell, representing Richmond Neighbourhood Cottage Inc. The concerns were that removing the restriction would invite staff from the Department of Corrections to park on Swanns Road and that the café relied on the P10 for short term customer parking. Richmond Neighbourhood Cottage Inc. is of the view that no changes should be made until there is clarification regarding the future of the Department of Corrections operating from the site.
5. A site meeting was held late last year in an attempt to resolve the issues. The meeting was attended by the local resident generating the original request, the café owner, a representative from the Department of Corrections and Community Board members Bob Todd and Yani Johanson. Graham Riddell was invited but could not attend due to ill health.
6. The outcome of the meeting was a compromise solution where the existing P10 on the north side of Swanns Road would be reduced in length by two spaces and there would be no change to the existing P10 on the south side. This solution was supported by the Department of Corrections, the café owner and the local resident. It is understood that despite the support of the parties directly affected by the parking restriction, Richmond Neighbourhood Cottage Inc. remains opposed to any reduction in the existing P10. It is unlikely that further meetings with the parties will resolve this issue.
7. Reducing the P10 parking restriction by two spaces is considered the most practicable solution to the problem despite the opposition from Richmond Neighbourhood Cottage Inc. The future use of any building in this commercial block cannot be determined and it is considered inappropriate to delay a solution that has been agreed upon by the parties directly affected purely on this basis. The management of kerbside parking can be easily modified to reflect changes in land use activities and there is no reason why further changes could not be made in the future should the Department of Corrections vacate the site or staff of any of the commercial activities no longer park on Swanns Road. The recommended solution is considered the most appropriate option to fit the current situation.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

8. Removal of signs and posts is within existing budgets.
9. The Land Transport rules provide for the installation and removal of parking restrictions.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Community Board agree that the existing ten minute parking restriction on the north side of Swanns Road commencing at a point 38.5 metres in an east of Stanmore Road intersection and extending 11.5 metres in an easterly direction be rescinded.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.