

8. RUTLAND STREET/HAWKESBURY AVENUE – PROPOSED “NO STOPPING”

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board’s approval to install short lengths of broken yellow “no stopping” line on the Rutland Street/Hawkesbury Avenue corners (refer attached).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Council has received complaints from road users and local residents regarding safety and visibility problems at the Rutland Street/Hawkesbury Street intersection.
3. Concerns have been raised regarding the lack of visibility of south-bound vehicles on Rutland Street when turning left from Hawkesbury Avenue into Rutland Street. Observations have shown that currently vehicles have to move well into the intersection to check the road is clear before completing their manoeuvre. This lack of visibility is directly attributed to the presence of parked vehicles on Rutland Street immediately north of the Hawkesbury Avenue intersection.
4. Hawkesbury Avenue forms a “T” intersection with Rutland Street and the intersection is controlled by a give way control against Hawkesbury Avenue. The Meshino Café is located on the south-west corner of the intersection within a block of five shops. Rugby Park is located on Rutland Street opposite the Hawkesbury Avenue intersection. The remaining land use in the immediate vicinity is residential.
5. A search of the Land Transport crash database for the last five years revealed no reported crashes resulting from poor visibility in the immediate vicinity however, local residents have reported several near misses at this intersection.
6. To improve road safety and visibility for road users it is proposed that short lengths of broken yellow “no stopping” line be installed on the Rutland Street/Hawkesbury Avenue corners removing approximately two car parking spaces. This is considered to be the most cost effective and practical solution to the problem.
7. Consultation has been carried out with all affected parties and support has been forthcoming.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Cost

8. The installation of road markings is within operational budgets.

Legal

9. The Land Transport Rules provide for the installation of parking restrictions including broken yellow (no stopping) lines.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Community Board approve that:

- (a) The stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the south-west side of Rutland Street, commencing at the Hawkesbury Avenue intersection and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 12.0 metres.
- (b) The stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the south-east side of Rutland Street, commencing at the Hawkesbury Avenue intersection and extending in a southerly direction for a distance of 8.5 metres.

- (c) The stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the north side of Hawkesbury Avenue, commencing at the Rutland Street intersection and extending in a westerly direction for a distance of 10.0 metres.
- (d) The stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the south side of Hawkesbury Avenue, commencing at the Rutland Street intersection and extending in a westerly direction for a distance of 10.0 metres.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendations be adopted.