
Haldimand County

Report ENG-13-2025 Parking Control By-law Amendment, Braemar Avenue,
Caledonia



For Consideration by Council in Committee on June 17, 2025

Objective:

To receive Council approval to amend the Haldimand County Parking Control By-law to create No Parking zones on Braemar Avenue in Caledonia.

Recommendations:

1. THAT Report ENG-13-2025 Parking Control By-law Amendment, Braemar Avenue, Caledonia be received;
2. AND THAT Haldimand County Parking Control By-law 307/02, Schedule "C" No Parking- Caledonia be amended as outlined in Report ENG-13-2025;
3. AND THAT the by-law attached to Report ENG-13-2025 be approved at a future Council meeting.

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Executive Summary:

Based on concerns raised by the local Councillor, Haldimand County staff conducted a traffic operations review of Braemar Avenue in Caledonia, between Argyle Street South and Kinross Street. The concerns focused on safety issues caused by vehicles maneuvering into oncoming traffic to by-pass parked cars.

Braemar Avenue is a two-lane roadway that includes a dedicated left turn lane into the Canadian Tire parking lot and provides access to several high traffic destinations, such as a commercial plaza, a condominium complex, a park, and Notre Dame Elementary School. Staff observed that the effective lane width, reduced to approximately 3.3 metres due to the dedicated left turn pavement markings, is insufficient to safely accommodate both parked vehicles and two way traffic.

To address these safety and operational concerns, staff recommend establishing a No Parking zone along the first 180 metres west of Argyle Street. This change aims to improve traffic flow and reduce the risk of vehicle conflicts. An amendment to Haldimand County Parking Control Bylaw 307/02 is required to implement the changes.

Background:

Braemar Avenue, located between Argyle Street South and Kinross Street in Caledonia, is a two-lane roadway that includes a dedicated left-turn lane into the Canadian Tire commercial parking lot approximately 60 metres west of Argyle Street. The corridor also provides access to several key destinations, including a commercial plaza, a condominium complex, and a public park on the north side, as well as two entrances to Notre Dame Elementary School on the south side.

In response to concerns raised by the local Councillor regarding vehicles being forced to maneuver into the oncoming traffic lane to by-pass parked vehicles, Haldimand County staff conducted a review of traffic operations along this segment of Braemar Avenue.

Analysis:

Staff reviewed the existing roadway conditions and traffic patterns along Braemar Avenue between Argyle Street South and Kinross Street. It was observed that the pavement markings supporting the dedicated left-turn lane reduce the effective lane width to approximately 3.3 metres. This width is insufficient to safely accommodate both parked vehicles and two-way traffic flow.

Given the commercial and institutional nature of the land uses along the first 180 metres west of Argyle Street, staff recommend the implementation of a No Parking Zone to improve traffic safety and operational efficiency as follows:

- South Side: No parking for a distance of 180 metres west of Argyle Street.
- North Side: No parking for a distance of 160 metres west of Argyle Street.

These restrictions will help ensure unobstructed traffic movement and reduce the risk of vehicle conflicts. The proposed No Parking zones are illustrated in red on Attachment 1.

The following changes to the Haldimand County Parking Control By-law 307/02 are required to create the No Parking zones:

Parking Control By-law 307/02 Schedule "C" No Parking – Caledonia to Add

Street	Side	From	To	Period
Braemar Avenue	North	Argyle Street South	160 metres west	Anytime
Braemar Avenue	South	Argyle Street South	180 metres west	Anytime

Financial/Legal Implications:

Roads Operations will be responsible for installing the required signage for the parking restriction. The estimated cost is approximately \$3,000 and will be funded from the Roads Operations regulatory/warning signage operating account.

Stakeholder Impacts:

Not applicable.

Report Impacts:

Agreement: No

By-law: Yes

Budget Amendment: No

Policy: No

References:

None.

Attachments:

1. Map
2. Draft By-law