

New parking and stopping prohibitions coming to Belfountain and Brimstone

Popular scenic areas see many visitors in the summer and fall

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There will soon be new parking rules in effect in two of Caledon's villages.

New parking and stopping prohibitions are going to be implemented in Belfountain and Brimstone. These scenic areas see many visitors, especially in the summer and fall months.

Within these two villages, parking and stopping on the shoulders of roads will now be prohibited except at select locations where permissive shoulder parking can safely be accommodated, according to Region of Peel staff.

Region of Peel Council approved the new prohibitions on consent at a March 21 meeting.

A report from Peel traffic engineering specialist Nathan Sinka notes that Regional staff received numerous inquiries from residents and councillors to designate safe shoulder parking areas for visitors on regional roads in Belfountain and Brimstone.

Staff conducted a comprehensive review of the road right of way and identified areas

that require designation as prohibited parking and stopping, as well as permissive

parking zones within the villages to address pedestrian safety for residents and visitors, reads the report.

According to the report, residents said since the onset of the pandemic there's been a marked increase in the number of visitors to the area. Residents said there's been increased traffic volumes, vehicle noise, shoulder parking, and pedestrian activity.

Residents said that visitors parking along the shoulders of roads often blocked residential driveways.

This parking behaviour has created safety risks to area residents potentially being unable to leave their home in case of an emergency, reads the report. Visitors also often park vehicles in areas where the shoulder is too narrow, forcing pedestrians to walk within the travelled portion of the roadway posing additional safety concerns.

Maps showcasing the new parking and stopping rules can be seen above.