



DRIVEWAYS

Driveways are the connection between your property and the rest of the Town’s amenities both public and private. If you’re considering expanding your existing driveway, or installing a second driveway, the zoning by-law outlines the requirements related to parking and driveways.

ENCROACHMENT PERMIT

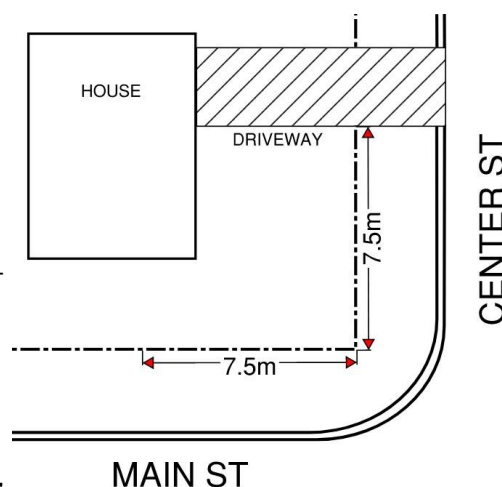
Driveways cross over the Town’s road allowance and may require that public infrastructure, such as the curb, be modified to allow vehicle access. An encroachment permit is required where any work takes place within the road allowance. For more information on encroachment permits, please see the “Encroachment Permit” guide.

ZONING BY-LAW

Both the number of driveways and the driveway width have maximum limits provided by the Zoning By-Law.

These requirements include:

- A maximum of two (2) driveways are permitted for the first 30m of frontage. One (1) additional driveway is permitted for each additional 30m of lot frontage.
- Driveways are permitted to be a maximum of 50% of your total lot frontage, or 50% your exterior lot line length in most residential zones. For street fronting townhouse units this limit is increased to 84%, up to an absolute maximum of 5.18m in width.
- A driveway must be setback a minimum of 7.5m from the intersection of your property lines on a corner lot, not the pavement. See the image to the right for an example.
- Parking space dimensions are a minimum of 2.7m x 5.5m, or 2.59m x 5.59m for a townhouse unit.
- Driveways must have a stable surface treated to prevent the raising of dust. Crushed stone, slag, crushed brick, gravel, asphalt, or concrete are all accepted options. However, the portion of the driveway between the property line and the street must be a hard surface like asphalt.
- For a single family dwelling, duplex or converted dwelling unit, driveways must be setback 1m from your interior side yard lot line. There is no setback for semi-detached and townhouse units.



A survey of your property may be required in order to determine the above setback and size requirements. If you do not have a copy of your survey, contact the Building Department to see if there is one on file.