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**DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT
ENGINEERING SERVICES 2014-52**

TO: Committee of the Whole
SUBJECT: Foxtail Ridge - Parking Review Update
File No.: T08 T.30 Foxtail Ridge
ORIGIN: Director, Engineering Services

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Development & Infrastructure Services Report 2014-52, dated August 25, 2014 entitled “Foxtail Ridge – Parking Review Update” be received and the following recommendation(s) be adopted:

- 1. THAT the parking restrictions remain as they currently exist.**

BACKGROUND

In 2013, Engineering staff received a request through the Ward Councillor to review the current parking restrictions on Foxtail Ridge. In accordance with the Town's Corporate Parking Policy, Engineering staff conducted a survey of the community at that time to determine whether there was support for the proposed changes and/or any other solutions forwarded by residents. The 2013 survey contained the Town's proposal to restrict parking on the north side of the street (sidewalk side). The majority of the residents who responded to the survey stated that they were against any changes to the current parking restrictions and therefore, staff recommended that Council not make any changes to the parking restrictions.

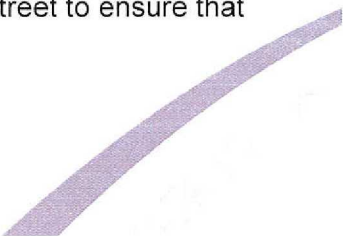
At its regular meeting of December 2, 2013, Town Council adopted the recommendations in the “Development & Infrastructure Report – Engineering Services Report 2013-50”, and added:

“ij) AND THAT staff undertake a new parking review of the street known as Foxtail Ridge in the spring of 2014”.

This report outlines the findings of the study.

COMMENTS

The purpose of the additional study was to determine if there was any correlation between the number of residents using the trail connection and the number and concentration of cars parked on Foxtail Ridge. Mitigation measures were to be recommended if needed. To ensure the most success, staff waited until the weather was more favourable to trail usage to observe the parking patterns on the street to ensure that the results would not be skewed because of cold or inclement weather.



Foxtail Ridge was divided into three distinct areas which were labeled as East, Centre and West, as shown in the map below.



The following table outlines the study results.

Day	Date	Time	West	Centre	East
Thursday	May-29	1440	1	2	2
Friday	May-30	856	0	2	0
Monday	Jun-02	1400	4	3	2
Tuesday	Jun-03	1315	1	3	1
Thursday	Jun-05	1120	1	1	0
Saturday	Jun-07	1400	3	5	1
Saturday	Jun-07	2300	2	1	0
Sunday	Jun-08	1700	6	3	2
Sunday	Jun-08	2110	9	2	0
Monday	Jun-09	710	1	2	1
Wednesday	Jun-11	1410	2	2	1
Thursday	Jun-12	820	1	1	2
Friday	Jun-13	1340	1	1	2

Several different times and days were chosen to obtain a broad examination of the parking patterns on the street. Overall, the results do not show excessive chronic parking on the street. The only concentrated parking demand was in the West section on a Sunday evening. It should be noted that this would not be associated with the trail system, as potential users of the trail would likely park in the Centre and East sections. The number of parked cars in the Centre and East section that might be due to trail users is small. Overall, the parking operations observed on Foxtail Ridge is consistent with normal residential parking patterns.

Therefore, it is recommended that there be no change to the current parking restrictions on Foxtail Ridge.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

No public consultation was undertaken in the preparation of this follow-up study.

BUSINESS PLAN AND STRATEGIC PLAN LINKAGES

- Well-planned and connected...strategically planning for the future to improve information access and enhance travel to, from and within Newmarket.

HUMAN RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

No impact to current staffing levels.

IMPACT ON BUDGET

Operating Budget (Current and Future)

No impact to the Operating Budget.

Capital Budget

No impact to the Capital Budget.

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