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Mossbank Court Parking Review - Update Staff Report

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Recommendations

1. That the report entitled “Mossbank Court Parking Review – Update”, dated February 25, 2019 be received; and,
2. That Schedule X (No Parking) of the Parking By-law 1993-62, as amended, be further amended by referring to Appendix A, attached; and,
3. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to submit the findings of the parking review done as the result of a petition request and to provide recommendations to Council.

Background

Mossbank Court is a local residential road and a small cul-de-sac located west of Patterson Drive, just south of Meadowbank Public School (see Appendix B). At its regular meeting of April 16, 2018, the Town’s Committee of the Whole received a petition signed by all eleven households of the Mossbank Community (100% support), requesting parking restrictions on the north side of Mossbank Court. Vehicles were evidently parking on both sides of the road, making it difficult for the community to access or egress their driveways and to manoeuvre through the Mossbank/Patterson

intersection. As per the Town's Public Consultation and Support policy, follow-up contact with the community was undertaken to confirm what the majority of residents wanted.

During the consultation process, which occurred in May, 2018, there was a request from only one resident to remove all on-street parking from both sides of the street instead of only from the north side. Rather than starting the entire consultation process over for one suggestion, staff sided with the majority (10 of the 11 households), who confirmed that they wanted to have "No Parking" on the north side.

A staff report entitled "Mossbank Court Parking Review" (ES 2018-51) was presented to the Committee of the Whole on August 27 2018. The report recommended that a "No Parking" zone be established on the north side of Mossbank Court, as requested in the resident petition and as confirmed by the vast majority of the residents who were polled during staff's consultation process.

At the Committee of the Whole meeting of August 27, a deputation was made by a resident who preferred no parking along both sides of the street and not only on the north side. The deputation was considered by Council at its regular meeting held on September 10, 2018, and the following resolution was passed:

1. That the report entitled Mossbank Court Parking Review dated August 27, 2018 be received; and,
2. That parking on the street remain unchanged; and,
3. That staff be directed to survey the residents on Mossbank Court to receive their feedback on a no-parking area; and,
4. That by-law enforcement continue to monitor the area to enforce the parking by-law in the area.

Discussion

In accordance with the Council resolution, a second survey was mailed to all eleven households on Mossbank Court on October 23, 2018. The new survey presented three options to the residents: Option 'A' was to support the original petition and staff recommendation in Report 2018-51 by recommending that parking be removed on the north side of the road only; Option 'B' allowed residents to specify their choice of parking restrictions; and Option 'C' was 'no change' to the existing conditions. Once again, staff received 11 responses (100% return). Two households chose Option 'A', three households chose Option 'C', and the Option 'B' results were as follows:

- One respondent was in favour of extending parking restrictions further into the court.
- One respondent wanted about 15 metres of parking restrictions on both sides of the road, westerly from Patterson Street.
- One respondent was in favour of restrictions on the north side, from Patterson Street to the property line of house numbers 661/671, and on the south side, to the first driveway.

- Three respondents were in favour of restrictions on the north side, from Patterson Street to the property line of house numbers 661/671, and on the south side, to the property line of house numbers 664/672.

While there was no clear majority opinion on parking restriction limits, there were certain common elements. A majority of residents agreed that parking restrictions are needed on the north side, and several agreed that parking needed to be restricted on both sides.

There are other guiding principles to consider in order to set parking restriction limits. These are:

- 1) The location of Canada Post boxes (which is located on the north side just east of the property line of house numbers 661/671);
- 2) Street to street block considerations; and,
- 3) Residential property lines.

Conclusion

While there was no clear majority opinion on an exact parking restriction zone for Mossbank Court, there was sufficient agreement to place the parking restriction zone from Patterson Street to the property line of house numbers 661/671 on the north side, and from Patterson Street to the property line of house numbers 664/672 on the south side. The required by-law amendment is reflected in Appendix A, and a map showing the recommended changes is provided in Appendix B. Both appendices are attached. This report will be provided to the residents of Mossbank Court in advance of the Committee of the Whole meeting so that they may attend the meeting, if they so desire.

Business Plan and Strategic Plan Linkages

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Consultation

A petition was received by Town Council on April 16, 2018. A letter was sent to the households on Mossbank Court on May 4, 2018, soliciting any additional comments or information. A review was conducted according to the process outlined in the Town's Public Consultation and Support policy. A subsequent survey was sent out to the community on October 23, 2018 to determine specific individual support for parking restrictions. This report, which contains the recommendations to Council, shall be provided to the Mossbank community prior to the Committee of the Whole meeting for their information and to allow them to attend the meeting, if they so desire.

Human Resource Considerations

None

Budget Impact

The initial expenditure for poles, signs and their implementation would be less than \$1,000.00 and shall be funded out of the Capital Budget. Over time, maintenance and replacement would be funded through the Operating Budget, and the operating cost would be minimal.

Attachments

Appendix A – Proposed Parking Bylaw Amendments

Appendix B – Study Area

Approval

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