

January 6, 2015

**DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT
ENGINEERING SERVICES 2015-02**

TO: Committee of the Whole

SUBJECT: Queens Crescent – Parking Review
File No.:T08 T.30 Queens Crescent

ORIGIN: Director, Engineering Services

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Development and Infrastructure Services Report – ES2015-02 dated January 6, 2015 regarding Queens Crescent – Parking Review be received and the following recommendations be adopted:

1. THAT Schedule X (No Parking) of the Parking By-law 1993-62, as amended, be further amended by deleting the following:

ROAD	SIDE	BETWEEN	PROHIBITED TIMES
Queens Crescent	West	Queen Street to a point 30 metres south of Queen Street	Anytime

2. AND THAT Schedule X (No Parking) of the Parking By-law 1993-62, as amended, be further amended by adding the following:

ROAD	SIDE	BETWEEN	PROHIBITED TIMES
Queens Crescent	West/ South	Queen Street to Pleasantview Avenue	Anytime

3. AND THAT the necessary By-laws be prepared and submitted to Council for their approval.

COMMENTS

At the regular meeting on Monday September 8, 2014, Town Council received a petition from the vast majority of households on Queens Crescent to prohibit parking on both sides of the street. Engineering Services received this request and implemented the Corporate Parking Policy. The primary purpose of the Corporate Parking Policy is to consult with the community to ensure that all opinions are heard.

It should be noted that at the regular meeting on June 18, 2012 (deferred from May 28, 2012), Town Council adopted recommendations of Community Services Report – ES 2012-36 which prohibited parking on the west side of Queens Crescent, from Queen Street, to a certain distance. An issue arose with a resident concerned about on-street parking for their health support workers. At this time, the Ward Councillor, Engineering staff and the resident came to a consensus on the No Parking zone limits that allowed a balance in the community.

However, the 2014 petition from the Queens Crescent community was clear that the No Parking on both sides of Queens Crescent was the solution to prevent long-term parking related to the hospital. Likewise; during the 2012 review, the issue with the health support workers parking on the road became an area of concern for a resident.

Engineering staff consulted with other York Region municipalities, and no other municipality had specific or special exemptions for health care workers. The Town's Parking By-law (1993-62) has exemptions only for Town, police, EMS or utility vehicles in the performance of their duties, as do all other York Region municipalities.

Engineering staff consulted some health care services, and the general consensus was that the health care providers were instructed to safely park their vehicles which generally included patron's driveways. Further, if specific exemptions are required, then Parking Enforcement can be contacted to determine an appropriate course of action.

Further to the above, there exists some concern that disallowing parking on any street near the hospital will simply cause the issue to be pushed onto other neighbouring streets. To address this concern, Engineering Services has been directed by Council to conduct a broader review of parking in the hospital area in general. Funds are being requested in the 2015 budget to conduct that review and a separate report on this issue will be presented to Council at a later time.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The Town received a petition from the community and undertook a community mail-out as per the Corporate Parking Policy. Aside from the petitioner's request, one household was opposed to the proposal and one household offered some alternatives. As noted above, Engineering staff consulted with some health care providers and other York Region municipalities.

A copy of this report will be forwarded to affected residents prior to the Committee of the Whole Meeting so that residents may attend the Committee of the Whole meeting or present a deputation if they so wish.

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

There is a small impact to the Capital budget (less than \$1,000.00) for the parking restriction signage.


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———— Existing No Parking Restrictions

----- Proposed No Parking Restriction