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Helena Court Parking Amendment Staff Report to Council

Report Number: 2019-93

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Meeting Date: October 15, 2019

Recommendations

1. That the report entitled Helena Court Parking Amendment dated October 15, 2019 be received; and,
2. That the proposed amendments in Appendix A be adopted; and,
3. That the petition originator be informed of the Town Council decision; and,
4. 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 amend the Parking Bylaw to move the existing No Parking restrictions from the north side of Helena Court to the south side of the street.

Background

At its regular meeting of June 24, 2019, Town Council (Section 9.3.30) adopted the recommendations from the Committee of the Whole (section 10.1) of June 17, 2019 to refer the petition received to amend the existing No Parking zone by moving it to the south side of the street.

Discussion

The purpose of this amendment is to provide improvements to some traffic operations on the street and provide more on-street parking.

The Town received a petition from the community requesting that parking be changed from the north side of Helena Court to the south side. Out of the eleven households that would be affected, six signed the petition, accounting for a 55 percent of the neighbourhood. Since more than 50% of the total households responded, the petition met the 25% Policy criterion required to begin the study process.

After receiving the petition, the Town sent a notice to each household via letter dated July 12, 2019, to solicit comments or additional opinions, and to reconfirm the commitment of the community. During this consultation, the Town received an additional response from a resident who was not in support of the change. Another household responded, stating that they were opposed to the petition and they asked that their name be removed from the petition document.

In total, seven of the eleven households have responded. Five are in support, accounting for 70 percent in favour, and two are not in support, accounting for 30 percent against. The 70% support exceeds the Policy requirement of a minimum of 60% required to implement the change.

A copy of this report will be forwarded to all households within the study area advising these residents of the date and time this issue will be addressed at the Committee of the Whole.

Residents who wish to address the Committee on this report and recommendations can do so at this time.

Conclusion

Therefore, it is recommended that the Parking Bylaw be amended to move the No Parking zone from the north side of Helena Court to the south side.

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.

Consultation

Consultation was conducted in accordance with the Town's Public Consultation and Support Policy for Transportation matters, and as detailed in the "Discussion" section of this report.

Human Resource Considerations

None.

Budget Impact

The operating budget will be impacted by less than \$1,000.00 for the movement of the several No Parking signs and posts.

Attachments

Appendix A – Proposed Parking Bylaw Amendments

Approval

Mark Kryzanowski, Manager, Transportation Services

Rachel Prudhomme, Director, Engineering Services

Peter Noehammer, Commissioner, Development & Infrastructure Services

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