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Main Street On-street Parking Additions Staff Report to Council

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Recommendations

1. That the report entitled Main Street On-street Parking Additions, dated April 12, 2021, be received; and,
2. That the parking amendments noted in Appendix B be approved; and,
3. That the necessary signage and pavement markings be implemented as soon as possible, weather permitting; 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 highlight the review and recommendations for additional on-street parking on Main Street, north of Millard Avenue. This report does not address the conversion of on-street accessible parking spaces to standard parking spaces, which can be addressed in a separate report as required.

Background

In 2019, the Town and the local Business Improvement Area (BIA) created a 'Joint Task Force' to address downtown parking concerns. This Task Force met several times, held feedback sessions and participated in walkabouts of the area to identify potential solutions. A number of ideas were generated, which required further evaluation by staff to determine their feasibility. Staff created a working group that met on several occasions to review each idea. A staff report entitled "Downtown Parking Review –

Analysis of Joint BIA/Town Task Force Workshop” was presented to Council on August 24, 2020, to highlight the ideas.

One of the ideas generated by the efforts above is the potential creation of up to four (4) new on-street parking spaces on either side of Main Street, north of Millard Avenue. The parking review summarized in today’s report further addresses the feasibility of that idea. The study was completed in accordance with the Council-approved Corporate Parking Policy and technical standards for parking.

Discussion

Based on the size of a standard parking space, there are three (3) potential locations along Main Street that could allow a cumulative total of four (4) additional on-street parking spaces:

- 111 Main Street – 1 parking space
- 57 Main Street – 2 parking spaces
- 48 Main Street – 1 parking space

Appendix A provides maps of the proposed parking spaces.

The proposed parking space in front of 111 Main Street is approximately 6.0 metres north of the Robertson Place driveway and it would be an extension of existing parking spaces. After reviewing this location with various Town Departments, this parking space was deemed to be too close to the existing driveway and would hence create potential sightline issues. Therefore, this location is not recommended.

The two proposed parking spaces in front of 57 Main Street are approximately 13.0 metres south of Ontario Street and are adjacent to existing on-street parking spaces. After review with Town Departments, these parking spaces are acceptable.

The proposed parking space in front of 48 Main Street is approximately 12.0 metres south of Ontario Street and is adjacent to existing parking spaces. After review with Town Departments, this parking space is acceptable.

Conclusion

After a geometric review and consultation with other Town Departments, three (3) of the four (4) proposed parking spaces are deemed acceptable. Therefore, it is recommended that two (2) on-street parking spaces be added in front of 57 Main Street and that one (1) parking space be added in front of 48 Main Street.

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

Engineering Services consulted with Public Works Services (Operations and Parks), Economic Development, and Planning and Regulatory Services in the review of these proposed new parking spaces.

Human Resource Considerations

None.

Budget Impact

Funds for the required signage would come from the Regulatory Signs – Engineering line from the Operating Budget. The cost would be approximately \$500.00 for the required signage and pavement markings. There is sufficient money in this account to cover the cost.

Attachments

Appendix A – Illustrations of proposed additional parking

Appendix B – Proposed Parking Bylaw Amendments

Approval

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