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Jordanray Boulevard Parking Review Staff Report to Council

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Meeting Date: September 13, 2021

Recommendations

1. That the report entitled Jordanray Boulevard Parking Review dated September 13, 2021 be received; and,
2. That parking amendments noted in Appendix B be approved; and,
3. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Purpose

The purpose of the report is to outline the study findings and public consultation for a parking review on Jordanray Boulevard, in the area of the 90 degree bend at house number 95 (see map in Appendix A).

Background

At its regular meeting of May 10, 2021, Town Council adopted the following recommendation:

That Staff be directed to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of parking restrictions on Jordanray Boulevard at the bend at house number 95.

Since the study was initiated through a Council request for a specific location, and there was not the benefit of a petition to describe support from households on the street, Town staff looked at a slightly broader study area beyond house number 95. The area studied

included both approaches to the curved section of Jordanray Boulevard to determine community opinions and needs on what he affected residents would prefer in terms of parking conditions for the study area.

Discussion

As noted above, the study area was enlarged to take into consideration the households that would be impacted by a change in parking restrictions and the impacts to vehicles driving through the curved section. Currently, there is little opportunity to park on the outer part of the curve due to the presence of closely spaced driveways, but there is the potential for parking immediately before and just after the inner side of the curve. Such parking could start at the curve on the inner side, up to Menczel Crescent. The inner curve has flankage to homes on Jordanray Boulevard, but there are no driveways present. Approximately ten on-street parking spaces are available.

For this study, a total of twenty households were contacted by mailed letter dated June 23, 2021. Only five of the twenty provided a response. Of the five households, two wanted NO parking on the inner curve, 1 wanted NO parking just on at least the inner curve if not both sides of the curve, 1 wanted no parking clearly on both sides, and 1 wanted no changes. There was really no consensus from the public, other than wanting some type of parking restriction.

Based on a number of previous studies that the Town has undertaken, the parking on the inner curve is likely the most problematic for motorists. Having to negotiate through parked vehicles through the curved section may be difficult at times. However, this section of the inner curve provides on-street parking for the immediate households, so Staff's intention is to provide safe traffic operations while maintaining some parking.

In light of the request for some parking restrictions at the curve, it is recommended that parking be restricted on the inner curve (north side) for approximately 25 metres, as shown in Appendix A. The end result would be to maintain some on-street parking while improving traffic operations.

Conclusion

In order to ensure operational safety while still providing some parking, it is recommended that the existing parking restrictions be amended to create a new No Parking zone on the inner side of the curve, for approximately 25 metres. Appendix B contains the proposed Parking By-Law amendments.

Business Plan and Strategic Plan Linkages

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Consultation

Town staff reached out by mail to consult 20 households that would be impacted by any parking changes. Each of the 20 households received a letter, dated June 23, 2021, requesting their input. The purpose was to solicit any comments. The Town received 5 responses, of which 2 wanted parking restrictions added on the inner side, one wanted parking restrictions on the inner side or preferably both sides, one wanted parking restrictions on both sides, and one wanted no changes.

To further communicate the findings and invite more feedback, all households within the study area will receive a copy of this report and a notice indicating the date and time of the Committee of the Whole meeting at which the matter will be heard. Residents who wish to address the Committee will have the opportunity to do so at that time.

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. There is sufficient money in this account to cover the cost.

Attachments

Appendix A – Proposed parking zone

Appendix B- Parking Bylaw amendments

Approval

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