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Church Street Parking Review - Park Avenue to Botsford Street Staff Report to Council

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Meeting Date: January 31, 2022

Recommendations

1. That the report entitled Church Street Parking Review – Park Avenue to Botsford Street dated January 31, 2022 be received; and,
2. That parking amendments noted in Appendix B be approved; and,
3. That the standard 2-year moratorium of additional parking reviews be lifted; 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 outline the review and public consultation for a parking amendment on Church Street between Park Avenue and Botsford Street. (See map in Appendix A).

Background

At the request of the Ward Councillor, staff reviewed the parking restrictions on Church Street between Park Avenue and Botsford Street, particularly on the west side. The amendment reviewed would remove the existing NO stopping restrictions and provide some on-street parking for the community, particularly the new development on the west side of Church Street, just south of Park Avenue.

Discussion

Church Avenue is an overly wide residential road (approximately 10 metres of driving surface in the study area) that connects Eagle Street to Millard Avenue. The section of Church Street between Park Avenue and Botsford Street was subject to a parking review in 2006, due to the existing day care operation. At that time, Town Council adopted a 'clear zone' on Church Street which incorporated No Stopping on both sides of the street (No Stopping on the east side from Monday to Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm). As a result, a No Stopping regulation has been in place on both sides of Church Street in this block since 2006.

Until recently, the parking and traffic operations of this section of Church Street operated satisfactorily. The decommissioned school on the west side of Church Street, south of Park Avenue, was re-developed to include street-facing townhomes, and subsequently the residents of the new development are now requesting some on-street parking on Church Street to allow guest parking and courier deliveries.

Trying to balance the parking needs of the community with the operational safety of the street, it is recommended that a 2-hour parking permission be allowed on Church Street from Monday to Friday, between 8:00am to 5:00pm. This is the same regulation in place on Church Street, north of Park Avenue, and is consistent with parking restrictions in the Downtown Area. As well, to ensure safe operations at the intersection, a No Parking zone will be implement on the west side of Church Street from Park Avenue to a point 9.0 metres south which is standard for parking at intersections, and the same as Church Street north of Park Avenue. A No Parking zone is not needed at Botsford Street due the placement of a fire hydrant.

The public consultation conducted as part of this review indicated strong support for the 2-hour parking proposal; however, there was some concern with traffic operations and possibly the east side being a better location for parking. At this point in time, the recommendations will continue to be as proposed, but it is recommended that the 2-year moratorium on further parking reviews be suspended, and the area monitored to ensure that the 2-hour parking permission is the best fit and safe option for the community. If parking or traffic operations become problematic, then staff will report on the issues and suggested amendments.

Conclusion

As a result of a review of current parking demands from redevelopment and considering consistency with regulations on the adjacent section of Church Street and strong support for parking provisions on this section of Church Street, it is recommended that the parking restrictions be amended to allow for a 2-hour parking zone on Church Street on the west side, from Park Avenue and Botsford Street.

Business Plan and Strategic Plan Linkages

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Consultation

Town staff reached out by mail to consult 14 households that would be impacted by any parking changes. Each of the 14 households received a letter, dated November 23, 2021, requesting their input. The purpose was to solicit any comments. The Town received 9 responses, of which 7 were in agreement with the proposal. Two were suggesting allowing parking on the east side with 3-hour limits and/or permits.

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 – Study Area map

Appendix B- Parking Bylaw amendments

Approval

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