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Septonne Avenue Parking Report Staff Report to Council

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Recommendations

1. That the report entitled “Septonne Avenue Parking Report” dated August 22, 2022 be received; and,
2. That the Parking Bylaw amendments in Appendix B be approved to implement additional No Parking areas as shown in Appendix A and Appendix B; and,
3. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all actions necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to outline the findings of the Septonne Avenue parking review and to recommend changes to the parking conditions in the area in order to improve traffic operations and safety.

Background

Septonne Avenue is classified as a local residential road. The area of study is the elongated bulb section of Septonne Avenue, as shown in Appendix A. This elongated bulb is a unique geometric road design, which provides road frontage to building lots and leaves a landscaped island. As a result of this geometric configuration, the building lot design creates a number of skewed driveways that open onto the bulb section.

The Ward Councillor had received requests to create a “No Parking Zone” on the Septonne Avenue elongated bulb section in an attempt to improve traffic operations for

the driveways and the intersections on the bulb and through sections of Septonne Avenue.

This particular request does not fall under the Council-Approved Public Consultation and Support Policy for transportation matters because it is being considered as a safety concern. As a result, Transportation Staff and the Ward Councillor visited the site and a safer alternative was conceptualized for presentation to the community that would be impacted. The new, safer alternative was presented to the Community for their input through a letter dated May 5, 2022, that was sent to the 24 households that could be affected by the change. The results of the public consultation are in the Section on “Consultation”, further in this report.

Discussion

As noted above, the unique geometric design of the road creates a set of challenges, particularly for homes at the sections that intersect with Septonne Avenue. The driveways of these homes connect to the road at almost 45 degrees, which could create a safety concern for vehicles backing out of the driveway and vehicles parked along the edges of the island. Another concern arises when a vehicle turns off the through-section of Septonne Avenue into the elongated bulb section.

The solution that is being proposed for this unique parking and traffic safety concern stems from the existing Newmarket Parking Bylaw (2019-63). Section 7.1 of the Bylaw states that “no person shall park a Motor Vehicle within 9 metres of any non-signalized intersection”. Thus, to abide by the Bylaw, a “No Parking Zone” needs to be created 9 metres from the through section of Septonne Avenue back along the island side for both legs of the elongated bulb, as shown in Appendix A. If the fire hydrant restrictions are considered for the through section of Septonne Avenue, then the “No Parking Zone” would encompass slightly more than half of the island. This will improve traffic and parking operations, while still retaining some existing on-street parking.

Conclusion

It is recommended that the “No Parking Zone” be implemented as noted in Appendix B.

Business Plan and Strategic Plan Linkages

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Consultation

In early May, Town staff reached out by mail to the 24 households in the community that might be impacted by any parking changes. Each household received a letter dated May 5, 2022, requesting their input. The purpose was to consult the community and solicit

any comments. The Town received 3 responses. The responses were supportive with two of the responses advocating for a full “No Parking Zone” around the entire island.

To further communicate the findings and invite more feedback, residents will have a second opportunity to comment on the recommendations. 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 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 and Proposed Parking Restrictions

Appendix B – Proposed Parking Bylaw Amendment

Approval

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