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Accessible Parking on Main Street Staff Report to Council

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Meeting Date: September 9, 2024

Recommendations

1. That the report entitled Accessible Parking on Main Street dated September 9, 2024 be received; and,
2. That Parking By-law 2019-63 be amended to permit 3 hour parking in on-street accessible parking spaces on Main Street south of Millard Avenue (**Attachment 1**); and,
3. That Staff be directed to investigate adding 1 additional on street accessible parking space on Main Street within the Business Improvement Area; 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 present recommendations by the Town's Accessibility Advisory Committee regarding on-street accessible parking spaces on Main Street.

Background

On December 5th, 2022 Staff presented [Staff Report 2022-62](#) which led to the adoption of new time limits for parking on Main Street. Through this report, Council implemented a thirty minute time limit for on-street parking on the south end of Main Street from 8 AM to 5 PM Monday to Friday, and a 2 hour limit on weekday evenings and during weekends.

Since the implementation of the regulations, Regulatory Services has received feedback from residents who have accessible parking needs, that a thirty minute time limit is not sufficient. As a result of the concerns that were raised, Regulatory Services brought this item to the [Accessibility Advisory Committee](#) on July 18th, 2024 for consultation. This Report presents the Committee's recommendations.

Discussion

Summary of Concern

The thirty minute time limit applied to all on-street parking spaces on Main Street south of Millard Avenue is also applied to the on-street accessible parking spaces. Feedback has been provided from both residents of the community as well as the Accessibility Advisory Committee that a thirty minute time limit is not sufficient for persons with disabilities. As a result, the Accessibility Advisory Committee has recommended a three hour limit be applied specifically to these accessible parking spaces.

Staff have reviewed the matter internally and support the change in time limits. Staff are recommending that Schedule VI of the Parking By-law 2019-63 (**Attachment 1**) be amended to indicate that accessible parking spaces have a three hour limit.

Additional Recommendation

At the July 18th, 2024 Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting, the Committee also made a recommendation to add an additional on-street accessible parking space on Main Street. Staff are seeking direction from Council to refer this matter to Staff for follow up to investigate the addition of an additional accessible parking space.

Conclusion

Should Council choose to support the Accessibility Advisory Committee's recommendations, Staff will immediately proceed with the installation of additional signage on the accessible parking signs so that the regulation is clearly communicated to visitors of the downtown.

Additionally, Staff will investigate the recommendation of adding an on-street accessible parking space and report back to Council at a later date.

Business Plan and Strategic Plan Linkages

This report supports Council's Priority - **Diverse, welcoming, and inclusive community**.

Consultation

The Accessibility Advisory Committee was consulted in preparation of this Report.

Human Resource Considerations

None.

Budget Impact

The cost of additional signage is approximately \$400.

Attachments

Attachment 1 – Amendment to Parking By-law

Approval

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