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Bolton Avenue (south of Watson Avenue) Parking Review Staff Report to Council

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Meeting Date: November 11, 2024

Recommendations

1. That the report entitled Bolton Avenue (south of Watson Avenue) Parking Review dated November 11, 2024, be received; and,
2. That no changes to the parking restrictions on Bolton Avenue (south of Watson Avenue) be implemented at this time; and,
3. That the parking restrictions on Bolton Avenue (south of Watson Avenue) be reviewed again once the three developments in the area are completed; and,
4. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Purpose

This report outlines the results of the public consultation regarding the parking review for the south end of Bolton Avenue, between Watson Avenue and Davis Drive, and provides recommendations for Council's consideration.

Background

At its regular meeting on June 17, 2024, Town Council requested that staff examine the possibility of implementing No-Stopping and No-Parking restrictions on Bolton Avenue. The following recommendation was adopted:

That staff be directed to conduct a traffic review for No-Stopping and No-Parking on Bolton Avenue.

Currently, parking is restricted on both sides of the south end of Bolton Avenue (Appendix A). The request is to assess whether these restrictions can be converted into a No-Stopping zone, in conjunction with the new enhanced parking enforcement measures in the Lundy’s Lane area.

Discussion

The south end of Bolton Avenue is a two-lane, north-south local road with an average daily traffic volume of 407 vehicles. There are sidewalks on both sides of the road, and three new developments are planned in the area, as follows:

- 1) 603 Davis Drive, 18 & 22 Bolton Avenue: Seniors Home
- 2) 43 Lundy’s Lane, 592 Watson Avenue, 40, 36, and 32 Bolton Avenue: Residential
- 3) 615 625 631 Davis and 29 33 39 Bolton: Mixed Use (Residential and Commercial)

As part of this parking study, Town staff conducted a consultation by mail, reaching out to seventeen households potentially impacted by the proposed parking changes. Each household received a letter, dated August 8, 2024, requesting their input on the proposed parking restrictions. Six of the seventeen letters, associated with the development applications, were returned to the office.

Description	Total Responses (Min. 50% Required)	Supports “No Stopping” (Min. 60% Required)	No Response
Count	0	0	11 (6 returned)
Percentage 17 Households	0%	0%	100%

As shown in the survey summarized in the table above, converting the south end of Bolton Avenue to a No-Stopping zone did not meet the minimum threshold required for a recommendation to Council. However, given the substantial impacts of the three new developments planned for the area, staff recommends revisiting this matter once the developments are completed.

Conclusion

In accordance with the Town’s Public Consultation and Support Policy requirements under the Parking policy, consultation was conducted with seventeen households that could be affected by the proposed changes. On August 8, 2024, public consultation letters were mailed individually to these households to solicit their input. Based on the results of the consultation, a ‘No Stopping’ zone at the south end of Bolton Avenue is not recommended at this time. However, it is recommended that this issue be revisited once the three new developments in the area are completed.

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

In accordance with the Town's Public Consultation and Support Policy requirements under the Parking policy, consultation was conducted with seventeen households that could be affected by the proposed changes. On August 8, 2024, public consultation letters were mailed individually to these households to solicit their input.

To further communicate the findings and invite more feedback, all households within the study area will receive a copy of this report. A notice will follow, 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 opportunity to do so either in writing, or by appearing at the Committee on that date to provide a deputation.

Human Resource Considerations

None.

Budget Impact

None.

Attachments

Appendix A - Existing and Proposed Parking Restrictions (Included in Public Consultation Letter)

Approval

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