

Subject: Parking on One-Side on Town Streets Public Consultation Results

Department: Infrastructure Services

Division: Transportation and Development

Report #: INS-2021-059

Meeting Date: 2021-11-08

Recommendations

That report INS-2021-059, Parking on One-Side on Town Streets, Public Consultation Results be received;

And that Council direct Staff to implement the option of restricting parking on local streets to one side of the road only;

And that Staff be directed to transfer funds from the General Capital Reserve to cover the cost of purchasing and installing the required regulatory signs;

And that Staff be directed to update the Consolidated Traffic By-law to reflect the approved changes in local street parking as set out in this report.

Background

At it's meeting of March 22, 2021 Council received Report INS-03-22 Parking on One Side on Town Streets. At that meeting and before Council made a final decision on parking on one-side on Town streets, Council directed Staff to seek public participation in accordance with the Town's public participation charter and Notice Policy. Subsequent to soliciting and receiving public input, Staff were to report back to Council. The following Report provides Council with the results of the public consultation.

Analysis

Past correspondence received by Council has expressed concern with vehicles parking on both sides of the road. As a result, Council directed Staff to look at the Town as a whole where parking is permitted on both sides of the street and report back to Council with alternative parking solutions. Staff prepared Report INS-2021-010 and reported to Council on March 22, 2021 with recommendations to implement the option of restricting parking on local streets to one side of the road only. Report INS-2021-010 does make

reference to a few exceptions to this parking rule. The recommendation to restrict parking on local streets to only one side would introduce parking consistency throughout the entire Town and be in accordance with the practice established in 1997.

Staff also suggested that an appropriate level of public participation be undertaken, one that meets the Town's Public Engagement Charter. Public involvement was seen as a consideration to assist Council in the decision-making process. Therefore, Council directed staff to consult with the general public and report back to Council. Staff subsequently prepared and undertook on-line survey from August 19th through to September 17th, 2021. The following summarizes the results and feedback received from the public participation process.

Length of On-line Survey:	30 days (August 19 th to September 17 th)
Responses:	582 (distributed across entire Town)
Importance of Issue:	489 respondents or 84% felt parking on one-side of street to be a very important issue. 6% did not see the issue as being important.
Personal Parking:	14% of respondents felt they had insufficient parking on their property for their vehicles
Garages:	17.8% of respondents had no garage.
On-street Parking:	10.6% of respondents indicated that they park on the street everyday.
Strongly Support Parking One-side Only:	62% of respondents feel strongly and/or support parking on one side of street. 5.5% strongly oppose any change – leave parking as is.

The results of the public consultation and on-line survey provide a supportive approach to parking on one-side of local Town streets. Accordingly, restricting parking to one side of local roads will achieve the objective of facilitating safe two-way traffic at all times and provide improved access for larger emergency and maintenance type vehicles and equipment. Attachment No. 2, Street Plan highlights those streets which will go from parking on both sides to parking on one side.

Implementation of the new parking restrictions would be undertaken in Spring of 2022. This will allow time for the signs to be ordered and erected by Operation Staff. In addition a public information campaign would be undertaken to inform the general public of the local streets affected by the changes in parking restrictions. The Consolidated Traffic By-law would also be updated to facilitate enforcement.

Strategic Alignment

Orangeville Forward – Strategic Plan

Priority Area: Sustainable Infrastructure

Objective: Provide systems that keep people moving

Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan

Theme: Transportation System

Strategy: Promote more sustainable and efficient transportation options

Notice Provisions

In accordance with the Town's Public Engagement Charter, adopted in November of 2020, public consultation was undertaken. In the effort to obtain public feedback on the analyses and decisions on parking on one-side of local roads, an on-line survey was conducted. Comments from the survey were received between August 19th and September 17th, 2021. The goal of the public participation was to inform and consult with the general public and to gain insight on how the public impacted by the parking proposal are influenced by Council's decision. The Public Participation Spectrum table (International Association of Public Participation - IAP2 Spectrum) is found as Attachment No. 1 to this Report.

Financial Impact

Previously, it was noted that to implement the recommendations of this report and parking on one-side of local Town streets, the erection of no-parking signs will be required. The approved 2021 Operating Budget does not have an allowance to cover the cost of erecting these signs in their entirety. Determining sign locations, ordering the signs and erecting the signs is late in 2021. Therefore, the cost of the signage would need to be funded from the General Capital Reserve.

Respectfully submitted

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Attachment(s): 1. Public Participation (IAP2) Table
 2. Street Plan