
TO: GENERAL COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: SUMMERSET DRIVE PARKING INVESTIGATION

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RECOMMENDED MOTION

1. That Traffic By-law 80-138, Schedule 'A', "No Parking Anytime" be amended by adding the following:

Summerset Drive North side from Ferndale Drive South to Nicholson Drive."

PURPOSE & BACKGROUND

2. Staff in the Roads, Parks and Fleet Department received motion 16-G-241 regarding the investigation of prohibiting parking along Summerset Drive which states:

"That staff in the Roads, Park, and Fleet Department investigate the feasibility of implementing a parking prohibition on the North side of Summerset Drive and report back to the General Committee."
3. Summerset Drive is a two (2) lane collector road with a daily traffic volume of approximately 3,000 vehicles per day with an asphalt width of 11 metres and sidewalks on the North and South sides. Please refer to Appendix "A".
4. Overnight on-street parking is prohibited from December 1st to March 31st, between 12:01 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. for the purpose of winter maintenance.

ANALYSIS

5. A parking comment sheet was prepared and sent to twenty two (22) residents on Summerset Drive between Ferndale Drive South and Nicholson Drive. Staff received seven (7) responses.
6. Six (6) out of the seven (7) residents expressed operational and safety concerns due to parked vehicles on the North side of Summerset Drive between Ferndale Drive South and Nicholson Drive. The residents noted that vehicles parked within close proximity to residential driveways which impede sight lines and obstruct vehicles entering and exiting driveways safely.

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7. Concerns were also raised regarding vehicles parking along both sides of Summerset Drive between Ferndale Drive South and Nicholson Drive reducing the travel width of the roadway and impeding the operation and safety of the roadway.
 8. Ferndale Park is located on the South side of Summerset Drive between Ferndale Drive South and Nicholson Drive. Ferndale Park is a programmable, community park, where there are areas allocated for activities such as soccer, baseball, tennis and basketball, in addition to a playground structure. There is a parking lot associated with the park, but based on the diversity of the parks use, Ferndale Park generates significant pedestrian and vehicular traffic which also uses on-street parking on Summerset Drive.
 9. Ferndale Woods Elementary School is located directly south of Summerset Drive on Ferndale Drive South. Ferndale Woods Elementary School directly abuts Ferndale Park and has pedestrian connectivity through the park, which generates pedestrian activity to the Summerset Drive subdivision.
 10. Staff reviewed the collision history of Summerset Drive between Ferndale Drive South and Nicholson Drive. There were five (5) reported collisions of which two (2) involved parked vehicles. Based on the results of the collision history review, staff did not identify any trends related to on-street parking.
 11. Based on residential feedback, and staff observation staff recommend that Traffic By-law 80-138, Schedule 'A', "No Parking Anytime" be amended by adding the following:

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 12. The proposed parking restrictions will prevent vehicles from parking adjacent to residential driveways and ensuring sufficient sight lines, and safe and efficient entrance and exits of driveways.
 13. On-street parking would still be permitted along the south side of Summerset Drive between Ferndale Drive South and Nicholson Drive which would allow for on-street parking adjacent to the park to accommodate overflow parking. This will also allow patrons of Ferndale Park to load/unload passengers adjacent to the sidewalk reducing pedestrian traffic travelling from Ferndale Park to the North side of Summerset Drive.
 14. Barrie Police Service, Barrie Fire and Emergency Service and Municipal Law Enforcement staff do not oppose the recommended motion.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

15. There are no environmental matters related to the recommendation.

ALTERNATIVES

16. There are two (2) alternatives available for consideration by General Committee:

Alternative 1 General Committee could decide to prohibit parking along the South side of Summerset Drive between Ferndale Drive South and Nicholson Drive.

This alternative is not recommended as permitting parking along the South side of Summerset Drive permits patrons of Ferndale Park to park adjacent to the sidewalk and load/unload passengers safely and efficiently directly adjacent to the park. This also reduces the number of pedestrians crossing Summerset Drive to access vehicles parking along the North side of the roadway. Parking along the South side of Summerset Drive, also allows for overflow parking for Ferndale Park, and area residents without impeding residential driveways.

Alternative 2 General Committee could decide to prohibit parking along the north and south sides of Summerset Drive between Ferndale Drive South and Nicholson Drive.

This alternative is not recommended as there is a need to provide overflow parking for patrons of Ferndale Park, and area residents. Also, permitting parking along one side of the roadway would not negatively impact the operation and safety of the roadway.

FINANCIAL

17. There would be a \$350.00 cost associated with the recommended motion and can be accommodated in the 2018 Operating Budget.

LINKAGE TO 2014-2018 STRATEGIC PLAN

18. There are no linkages to the 2014-2018 strategic plan.

APPENDIX "A"

