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**TO:** GENERAL COMMITTEE

**SUBJECT:** THE QUEENSWAY PARKING INVESTIGATION

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**SUBMITTED BY:** D. FRIARY, DIRECTOR OF ROADS, PARKS AND FLEET

**GENERAL MANAGER APPROVAL:** B. PARKIN, P. ENG, GENERAL MANAGER OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT

**CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER APPROVAL:** M. PROWSE, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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### **RECOMMENDED MOTION**

1. That Traffic By-law 80-138, Schedule 'D', "Stopping Prohibited" be amended by deleting the following:  

The Queensway	Both sides	From a point 19 metres north of Winchester Terrace to Empire Drive	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday September to June
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2. That Traffic By-law 80-138, Schedule 'D', "Stopping Prohibited" be amended by adding the following:  

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### **PURPOSE & BACKGROUND**

3. Staff in the Roads, Parks and Fleet Department received concerns from parents/guardians of Hyde Park Elementary School and the Ward Councillor to investigate the feasibility of amending the current on-street parking along the west side of The Queensway, adjacent to Hyde Park. There is concern regarding the need for additional on-street parking to accommodate short term parking for parents/guardians to be able to pick up/drop off students.
4. Hyde Park Elementary School is located along the west side of The Queensway between Succession Crescent/Shamrock Lane and Winchester Terrace. It currently has a Kiss "N" Ride internal to the school which operates with minimal delay to the traffic on The Queensway. There is currently a signalized pedestrian crossing located at the intersection of The Queensway and Winchester Terrace, and a school crosswalk located in close proximity to the southern school access.
5. The Queensway is a two (2) lane collector roadway with a pavement width of 11.0 metres and sidewalks on the east and west side with a daily traffic volume of approximately 2,500 vehicles per day. Please refer to Appendix "A" to Staff Report RPF001-19.

6. Stopping is currently prohibited Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm September to June along both the east and west sides of The Queensway from Succession Crescent/Shamrock Lane to Empire Drive. There is "No Stopping Anytime" 30 metres either side of the signalized pedestrian crossing. Overnight on-street parking is prohibited from December 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>, between 12:01 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. for the purpose of winter maintenance.

### **ANALYSIS**

7. A comment sheet was prepared and mailed to fourteen (14) property owners along The Queensway to gain their views of the current parking situation during the school pick up and drop off period. Staff did not receive any responses from the survey.
8. Staff did complete site visits with the Principal from Hyde Park Elementary School and the Ward Councillor during drop off and pick up times. Concerns were raised regarding the need for additional on-street parking to allow parents/guardians the ability to pick up/drop off students. As a result of these meetings it was determined that the existing "No Stopping 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday, September to June" could be reduced along the west side of The Queensway adjacent to Hyde Park.
9. This reduction would permit on-street parking for parents/guardians adjacent to Hyde Park and provide direct loading/unloading to a sidewalk without negatively impacting the operation or safety of the roadway. The limits of the reduction would still maintain clear sight lines of the pedestrian signal and school crosswalk, and would not impede the existing Kiss "n" Ride or the school accesses.
10. Staff reviewed implementing additional short term duration parking along The Queensway directly in front of Hyde Park Elementary School. This was not recommended as on-street parking would reduce sight lines at the school crossing located near the southern access. As well as impede the operation and reduce sight lines of the vehicle accesses.
11. The proposed recommendation will provide additional on-street parking for visitors of Hyde Park.
12. The proposed reduction would maintain the current "No Stopping 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday, September to June" along the east side of The Queensway preventing pedestrians from crossing the roadway between parked cars, or vehicles from obstructing residential driveways.
13. As a result Staff recommend that Traffic By-Law 80-138, Schedule "D" "Stopping Prohibited", be amended by deleting the following:
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15. Barrie Police Service, Barrie Fire and Emergency Service and Municipal Law Enforcement staff do not oppose the recommended motion.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

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

**ALTERNATIVES**

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

**Alternative 1** General Committee could decide to maintain the current parking prohibition on both sides of The Queensway in the vicinity of Hyde Park Elementary School.

This alternative is not recommended as the proposed amendments to the current parking restrictions would permit on-street parking for parents/guardians adjacent to Hyde Park and provide direct loading/unloading to a sidewalk without negatively impacting the operation or safety of the roadway. As the limits of the reduction would still maintain clear sight lines of the pedestrian signal, would not impede the existing Kiss "n" Ride or the school accesses.

**Alternative 2** General Committee could decide to implement parking on The Queensway directly in front of Hyde Park Elementary School.

This alternative is not recommended as on-street parking would reduce sight lines at the school crossing located near the southern access causing operational and safety concerns. As well as impede the operation and reduce the sight lines of the vehicle accesses.

**FINANCIAL**

18. The cost of implementing the proposed parking regulations is approximately \$500 which can be accommodated in the 2019 Operating Budget.

**LINKAGE TO 2018-2022 STRATEGIC PLAN**

19. The 2018-2022 Council Strategic Plan has not been finalized as of the writing of this Report.

APPENDIX "A"

