



TO: GENERAL COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: BARRIER FREE PARKING STALL IMPLEMENTATION

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RECOMMENDED MOTION

1. That Traffic By-law 80-138 Schedule "T" "Metered Handicapped Parking" be amended to add the following:

"Collier Street	North Side	Fifth (5 th) parking stall east of Mulcaster Street"
"Mary Street	West Side	First (1 st) and Second (2 nd) parking stalls north of Simcoe Street".

PURPOSE & BACKGROUND

2. Staff have received a request through the City's Accessibility Coordinator and area businesses to review the feasibility of implementing additional barrier free parking stalls throughout the Urban Growth Center. Please refer to Appendix "A".
3. The current parking within the Urban Growth Center is made up of 635 paid on-street stalls and 22 paid off-street parking lots. There are also nine (9) designated barrier free parking stalls within the Urban Growth Center which do not require patrons pay for parking as long as they have valid permit.

ANALYSIS

4. Staff identified Collier Street as an ideal location to implement an additional barrier free parking stall due to the proximity to City Hall and recent development located in the north east corner of Mulcaster Street and Collier Street. The proposed location is located along the north side of Collier Street, east of Mulcaster Street which provides a direct connection to a municipal sidewalk and traffic control signal which provides a controlled pedestrian crossing for patrons accessing City Hall. The proposed location is within a reasonable walking distance to local businesses.

5. Staff were also approached by the property owner at 23 Simcoe Street (Service Ontario) to implement a second barrier free parking stall along Mary Street to provide additional parking for patrons of Service Ontario which require access to barrier free parking. Currently, there is one (1) barrier free stall located along the west side of Mary Street north of Simcoe Street. Staff recommend implementing the second barrier free parking stall directly north of the existing stall to maintain reasonable walking distance to Service Ontario, as well as provide close proximity to the downtown transit terminal.
6. Patrons of Service Ontario can also utilize the existing off-street parking lot along the west side of Mary Street, just north of Service Ontario for additional parking.
7. The proposed barrier free parking stalls would provide a better level of service for patrons which require designated parking stalls without impacting available on-street parking for patrons within the downtown core.
8. Based on both the operational and safety concerns staff recommend that Traffic By-law 80-138 Schedule "T" "Metered Handicapped Parking" be amended and add the following:

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9. Barrie Police Service, Barrie Fire and Emergency Service and Legislative and Court Services Department do not oppose the recommended motion.
10. The City of Barrie Accessibility Coordinator is in support of the proposed barrier free parking stalls.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT MATTERS

11. There are no environmental and/or climate change impact matters related to the recommendation.

ALTERNATIVES

12. There is one (1) alternative available for consideration by General Committee:

Alternative #1

General Committee could decide to not implement the proposed barrier free parking stalls along Collier Street east of Mulcaster Street and Mary Street north of Simcoe Street.

This alternative is not recommended as the proposed barrier free parking stalls would provide an increased level of service for valid permit holders without negatively impacting the capacity of on-street paid parking within the downtown core.

FINANCIAL

13. The cost to implement the barrier free parking stalls along Collier Street east of Mulcaster Street and Mary Street north of Simcoe Street would cost approximately \$1,000 which can be accommodated in the 2020 operating budget.

LINKAGE TO 2018-2022 STRATEGIC PLAN

14. The recommendation included in this Staff Report support the following goals identified in the 2018-2022 Strategic Plan:
 - a) Improving the ability to get around Barrie.
15. The recommended motion will an increased the level of service for valid barrier free permit holders without negatively impacting the capacity of on-street paid parking within the downtown core.

Appendix "A"



