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**TO:** GENERAL COMMITTEE

**SUBJECT:** VICTORIA STREET NO PARKING INVESTIGATION

**WARD:** WARD 2

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**RECOMMENDED MOTION**

1. That Traffic By-law 80-138, Schedule "A", "No Parking Any Time" be amended:  
  
By adding the following:  
  
    "Victoria Street"                      Both sides between Lakeshore Drive and Bradford Street.  
  
By deleting the following:  
  
    "Victoria Street"                      North side from Bradford Street to Ellen Street.  
  
    "Victoria Street"                      South side from Ellen Street to Lakeshore Drive

**PURPOSE & BACKGROUND**

2. The Traffic Services staff received multiple complaints from residents in regards to vehicles parking on Victoria Street between Lakeshore Drive and Bradford Street. Many expressed concerns that on-street parking forces motorists to straddle the yellow line to maneuver around parked vehicles. Complaints were also received regarding the limited sight distance from Ellen Street as a result of the existing on-street parking.
3. Victoria Street is a two (2) lane collector roadway with a daily traffic volume of approximately 2,000 vehicles per day with a pavement width of eleven (11) metres with sidewalks on both sides between Lakeshore Drive and Bradford Street.
4. Currently parking is prohibited on the north side of Victoria Street between Ellen Street and Bradford Street, the south side between Ellen Street and Lakeshore Drive and also 40 metres from Bradford Street on the south side.
5. On-street parking is also restricted on the Ellen Street, Vespra Street and Bradford Street as identified in Appendix "A".

**ANALYSIS**

6. A Parking Questionnaire was prepared and mailed to one hundred and eighty 180 property owners/tenants on Victoria Street and Ellen Street to provide input on a preferred option. Fifty five (55) responses were received and the results of the Parking Questionnaire are as follows:

<b>VICTORIA STREET ON-STREET PARKING SURVEY</b>	<b>RESPONSES RECEIVED IN FAVOUR</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE OF RESPONSES</b>
<b>Option "A"</b> – Maintain the current parking restrictions on Victoria Street.	16	29%
<b>Option "B"</b> – Implement "No Parking Anytime" on both sides of Victoria Street between Lakeshore Drive and Bradford Street.	39	71%

7. Three (3) responses in favour of Option "B" indicated that they would prefer a parking restriction which was only implemented on one side of the roadway. Due to operational and safety concerns Traffic Services staff does not recommend this proposal.
8. The cross-section of Victoria Street does not support on-street parking as vehicles must cross the centre yellow to avoid parked vehicles. On-street parking also greatly reduces sightlines for vehicles on Ellen Street.
9. To ensure the safe and efficient operation of the roadway staff recommends that Traffic By-law 80-138, Schedule "A" "No Parking Anytime" be amended:
- By adding the following:
- "Victoria Street" Both sides between Lakeshore Drive and Bradford Street.
- By deleting the following:
- "Victoria Street" North side from Bradford Street to Ellen Street.
- "Victoria Street" South side from Ellen Street to Lakeshore Drive
10. Upon the implementation of the proposed parking restriction Staff will continue to monitor the adjacent roadways to ensure their safe and efficient operation in the event on-street parking patterns change.
11. Barrie Police Service, Barrie Fire and Emergency Service and Municipal Law Enforcement staff do not oppose the recommended motion.

**ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

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

**ALTERNATIVE**

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

**Alternative 1** General Committee could decide to leave the current parking regulations as is on Victoria Street.

This alternative is not recommended as the existing parking restrictions may create operational and safety concerns for motorists on Victoria Street and also reduces sightlines for vehicles on Ellen Street.

**FINANCIAL**

14. The cost of implementing the proposed parking regulations is approximately \$1,100 which can be accommodated in the 2016 Operating Budget.

**LINKAGE TO COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

15. The recommendations included in this Staff Report are specifically related to goals identified in the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan:
- a) Improved Road Safety
  - b) Improve our road network
16. The proposed recommendations will ensure the safe and efficient operation of the roadway which is in close proximity to a large public area and arterial road network.

Appendix "A"

