



TO:	GENERAL COMMITTEE
SUBJECT:	RODNEY STREET PARKING INVESTIGATION
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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:

"Rodney Street East Side from Kempenfelt Drive to Blake Street"

PURPOSE & BACKGROUND

2. Staff have received motion; 19-G-270 which states "That staff in the Operations Department investigate the feasibility of implementing no parking restrictions on one side of Rodney Street between Blake Street and Kempenfelt Drive and report back to General Committee."
3. Rodney Street is a two (2) lane local roadway with a pavement width of 7.0 metres, a sidewalk along the west side, and residential driveways on both sides of the road.
4. Currently, parking is permitted along Rodney Street between Kempenfelt Drive and Blake Street. Overnight on-street parking is prohibited from December 1st to March 31st, between 12:01 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. for winter maintenance.
5. This section of Rodney Street was reconstructed with a sidewalk along the west side of the road providing pedestrian connectivity from Blake Street to Kempenfelt Drive. This improvement resulted in a narrowed road width of 7.0 metres.

ANALYSIS

6. A Parking Questionnaire was prepared and mailed to nineteen (19) property owners along Rodney Street to select a preferred option. Five (5) responses were received and the results of the questionnaire are as follows:

RODNEY STREET ON-STREET PARKING SURVEY	RESPONSES RECEIVED IN FAVOUR	PERCENTAGE OF RESPONSES
Option "A" – Maintain the current on-street parking along both sides on Rodney Street between Kempenfelt Drive and Blake Street.	1	20%
Option "B" – Implement "No Parking Anytime" along the east side of Rodney Street from Kempenfelt Drive to Blake Street.	4	80%
<u>Total (Out of 19)</u>	5	26%

7. Staff have completed field observations and reviewed responses from the parking survey. Respondents identified operational concerns with the width of the road with the new design of the sidewalk on the west side. Vehicles parking along both sides of the roadway poses operational and safety concern as the parked vehicles impede free-flow traffic along the street and can potential reduce the response time of Emergency Services.
8. Based on feedback from area residents and staff observations it is recommended that Traffic By-law 80-138 Schedule "A", "No Parking Any Time" be amended by adding the following:
- "Rodney Street East side from Kempenfelt Drive to Blake Street"
9. The proposed "No Parking Any Time" along the east side of Rodney Street is recommended to prevent vehicles from parking along both sides of the roadway which could potentially impede free-flow traffic and reduce the response time of Emergency Services. This will maintain adequate road widths for emergency service vehicles.
10. Barrie Police Service, Barrie Fire and Emergency Service and Municipal Law Enforcement staff do not oppose the recommended motion.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE MATTERS

11. There are no environmental or climate change 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 maintain the current on-street parking on both sides of Rodney Street.

This alternative is not recommended as vehicles currently park along both sides of the roadway impeding free-flow traffic which poses operational and safety concerns for both motorist and Emergency Services.

FINANCIAL

13. The cost of implementing the proposed parking regulations is approximately \$400 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:
- Improving the ability to get around Barrie.
15. The recommended motion of implementing "No Parking Any Time" along the east side of Rodney Street from Blake Street to Kempenfelt Drive will prevent vehicles parking along both sides of the road. The recommendation will maintain adequate lane widths to ensure emergency services vehicle can safely service the road and still provide one side of parking.

APPENDIX "A"

