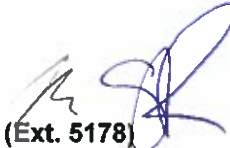



TO: GENERAL COMMITTEE


SUBJECT: ON-STREET PARKING INVESTIGATION – CHARLES COURT

WARD: WARD 8

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RECOMMENDED MOTION

1. That no further action be taken at this time regarding on-street parking on Charles Court.

PURPOSE & BACKGROUND

2. The purpose of this Staff Report is to address on-street parking around the centre island at the end of Charles Court. Staff found that vehicles park around the centre median but there is a general provision within Traffic By-law 80-138 that could enforce this on a complaint basis.
3. On June 18, 2012, City Council adopted Motion 12-G-167 regarding investigation of parking prohibition on Charles Court which states:

"That staff in the Engineering Department investigate the feasibility of prohibiting parking around the island median on Charles Court and report back to General Committee."
4. Charles Court is a two (2) lane local roadway with a daily traffic volume of less than 300 vehicles per day, sidewalk on the north side, and a pavement width of 8.5 metres. Please refer to Appendix "A".
5. Currently parking is permitted on both sides of Charles Court.
6. 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 snow clearing.

ANALYSIS

7. A Parking Questionnaire was prepared and mailed to 15 property owners on Charles Court. Three (3) responses were received and the results of the Parking Questionnaire responses are as follows:

CHARLES COURT PARKING SURVEY	RESPONSES RECEIVED	PERCENTAGE OF RESPONSES
Option A: Leave current parking in place on Charles Court.	2	67%
Option B: Implement No Parking on the inside portion of the court, surrounding the centre island.	1	33%

8. The majority of residents selected Option A as the preferred option and did not provide comments.
9. The resident in favour of Option B noted difficulties with exiting their driveway when parents are dropping of their children that attend Allandale Heights Public School.
10. Staff observed vehicles parked around the centre median island of Charles Court but there is a general provision within Traffic By-law 80-138, which states:

"3(1) Method of Parking

No vehicle shall be parked or stopped on any street unless on the right side of the street, having regard to the direction in which the vehicle had been proceeding, with the right front and right rear wheels and runners not more than 0.15 metres from the curb or boundary of the roadway as near this as the condition of the streets permit, but this provision shall not apply to prevent the parking of a vehicle on the left side of a one-way street, nor to prevent the angle parking of vehicles on streets or sections of streets where angle parking is permitted."

11. In addition, staff observed vehicles parking in close proximity to Bayview Drive creating congestion at the intersection with Charles Court and will therefore be installing No Parking Anytime signs on both the north and south side within 30 metres of the intersection of Charles Court and Bayview Drive. These signs can be installed through a general provision within Traffic By-law 80-138 to improve sight lines at the intersection.
12. Staff will send a letter to the residents of Charles Court to notify them of the new 30 metre No Parking Anytime parking restrictions to enforce that sight lines are clear at the intersection of Charles Court and Bayview Drive. The letter will also outline the parking regulation within Traffic By-law 80-138 regarding vehicles parking around the centre island of Charles Court and who to contact to have these parking regulations enforced.
13. Staff reviewed the collision history on Charles Court and found no reported collisions involving parked vehicles.
14. Barrie Police Service, Barrie Fire and Emergency Service and Municipal Law Enforcement do not oppose the recommended motion.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

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

ALTERNATIVES

16. The following alternative is available for consideration by General Committee:

Alternative #1

General Committee could decide to post signage indicating a prohibition of on-street parking around the centre median island on Charles Court.

This alternative is not recommended as there is currently a parking regulation within Traffic By-law 80-138 which can be enforced by Municipal Law Enforcement on a complaint basis to address the issue.

FINANCIAL

17. The costs associated with the supply and installation of No Parking Anytime signs to restrict parking on the north and south sides of Charles Court within 30 metres of Bayview Drive would cost approximately \$300 and can be incorporated in the 2013 Business Plan.

LINKAGE TO COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

18. The recommendations included in this Staff Report are not specifically related to the goals identified in the 2010-2014 City Council Strategic Plan.

Appendix "A"



DATE: April 2013
SCALE: NTS

LEGEND:
Implement No Parking Any Time within 30 metres of an Intersection,
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Charles Court
Parking Investigation