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**TO:** GENERAL COMMITTEE

**SUBJECT:** RODNEY STREET NO PARKING ANYTIME

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**RECOMMENDED MOTION**

1. That Traffic By-law 2020-107, Schedule '1', "No Parking Anytime" be amended by adding the following:  
"Rodney Street, both sides from Blake Street to Collingwood Street"  
"Collingwood Street, North side from Rodney Street to a point 28 metres east thereof"

**PURPOSE & BACKGROUND**

2. Staff plan to install a new sidewalk on Rodney Street, from Blake Street to the stairs leading from the upper portion of Rodney Street near the White Pine Place intersection.
3. Design options were reviewed which included consideration for roadside safety, grading, and utility impacts. The preferred location for a sidewalk is on the west side of Rodney Street.
4. Due to grading challenges, minimizing vegetation removal, and the close proximity of houses the construction requires narrowing the traveled portion of the roadway by 1.0 metre, from 8.5 metres to 7.5 metres, which will allow space for a 1.8-metre-wide sidewalk adjacent to the curb.
5. Narrowing of the roadway and implementing "No Parking Anytime" on both sides of Rodney Street from Blake Street to a point just around the corner of Collingwood Street is required to ensure motorist safety.
6. Currently, there are "No Parking Anytime" restrictions on the south side of Collingwood Street, from Rodney Street to Cook Street. These signs were installed under the City's general provision for safety and stop vehicles from parking at sharp bends in the roadway, preventing weaving across the yellow centreline which can be a safety concern. Outside of these restrictions, parking is permitted in the area. Overnight on-street parking is prohibited December 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> between 12:01 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. for winter maintenance activities.

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## **ANALYSIS**

7. City staff conducted a neighbourhood information session on Monday July 11, 2022, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm to present the sidewalk design and solicit feedback from local residents.
8. All attendees were in favour of the sidewalk.
9. Two attendees expressed concern surrounding narrowing the roadway. Their concern was compounded with the potential increases in traffic volumes related to future development at the corner of Rodney Street and Blake Street.
10. City staff and residents have noted a safety concern in this area. Currently, moving vehicles weave across the centre line to drive around parked cars. Maintenance and Emergency vehicles also experience challenges maneuvering around parked vehicles.
11. Eliminating on street parking in the narrowed section will increase safety for motorists and ensure emergency and maintenance vehicle passage.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT MATTERS**

12. There are no environmental and climate change impact matters related to the recommendation.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

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

### **Alternative #1**

General Committee could choose not to amend the existing Traffic By-Law 2020-107 Schedule '1', "No Parking Anytime". (No changes)

This alternative is not recommended, as implementing the sidewalk without any changes would not be feasible. Furthermore, it has been identified that there are current concerns with weaving conditions which would be addressed in the recommended motion.

## **FINANCIAL**

14. The costs associated with the installation of "No Parking Anytime" signs are approximately \$2,500 and can be accommodated in the Project Capital Construction Budget.

## **LINKAGE TO 2022-2026 STRATEGIC PLAN**

15. The recommendation included in this Staff Report supports the following goals identified in the 2022-2026 Strategic Plan:
  - ✓ Community Safety
  - ✓ Thriving Community
  - ✓ Infrastructure Investments
16. The recommendation of amending the "No Parking Anytime" Traffic By-law, to restrict parking on Rodney Street, will improve safety for motorists and pedestrians along the narrower section of this roadway. This prioritizes Council's goals of Community Safety, Thriving Community, and Infrastructure Investments.

**APPENDIX "A" Rodney Street No Parking Anytime Restrictions Area Map**

