
TO: GENERAL COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: PARKING PROHIBITION ON DUNSMORE LANE

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RECOMMENDED MOTION

1. That Traffic By-law 80-138 Schedule "B" "No Parking In Specified Places Where Signs on Display at Stated Times" be amended by adding the following:

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| <u>"Dunsmore Lane</u> | Southerly portion of Dunsmore Lane on the south and west side from Johnson Street to a point 375 metres west thereof. | 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. Monday to Friday, excluding Statutory Holidays." |
| <u>"Dunsmore Lane</u> | Northern portion of Dunsmore Lane on the south and east side from Johnson Street to a point 417 metres west thereof. | 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. Monday to Friday, excluding Statutory Holidays." |

PURPOSE & BACKGROUND

2. Staff have received a request to investigate the feasibility of prohibiting parking on Dunsmore Lane, west of Johnson Street. The concern cited vehicles parking for long duration along unrestricted portions of Dunsmore Lane to use the catwalk to access Royal Victoria Hospital (RVH).
3. Dunsmore Lane is a two-lane local roadway with a pavement width of 8.5 metres with a daily volume of approximately 700 vehicles per day.
4. On-street parking is prohibited on the northerly portion of Dunsmore Lane on the north and west side from Johnson Street to a point 452 metres west thereof, and on the southerly portion of Dunsmore Lane on the east and north side from Johnson Street to a point 400 metres west thereof. Refer to Appendix "A".
5. On-street parking is prohibited from December 1 to March 31, between 12:01 midnight and 7:00 a.m. for the purpose of snow clearing.

6. In 2011 staff prepared Staff Report ENG006-11 to review the parking situation along Dunsmore Lane along the section west of Johnson Street, the recommendation of this report was to leave the current parking in place, as the majority of residents were in favour of leaving the current parking regulations in place. However, residents did note concerns of congestion near the catwalk accessing RVH.

ANALYSIS

7. A parking questionnaire was prepared and mailed to 144 property owners on Dunsmore Lane. Results of the parking questionnaire responses are as follows:

| DUNSMORE LANE ON-STREET PARKING SURVEY | RESPONSES RECEIVED | PERCENTAGE OF RESPONSES RECEIVED |
|---|-------------------------------|---|
| OPTION A: Leave current parking regulations in place on both sides of Dunsmore Lane, west of Johnson Street. | 8 | 50% |
| OPTION B: Implement No Parking entirely on both sides of Dunsmore Lane, west of Johnson Street. Please refer to the attached map. | 3 | 19% |
| OPTION C: Implement No Parking 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. along the current un-restricted portions of Dunsmore Lane, west of Johnson. Please refer to the attached map. | 0 | 0% |
| OPTION D: Implement No Parking 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday to Friday excluding Statutory Holidays; along the current un-restricted portions of Dunsmore Lane, west of Johnson. | 5 | 31% |
| TOTAL (Out of 144) | 16 | % |

8. The residents are split 50/50 regarding implementing additional parking restrictions along this section of Dunsmore Lane. The majority of the residents that are in favour of implementing additional parking prohibitions are concentrated near the catwalk to the RVH parking lot. These residents are directly affected by on-street parking congestion, as vehicles are parking for long durations, creating operational and safety concerns for area residents wishing to access Dunsmore Park, find on-street parking, and ingress/egress from their driveways.
9. Based on historic concerns from area residents, and staff observations of parking congestion on Dunsmore Lane, staff are recommending that Traffic By-law 80-138 Schedule "B" "No Parking In Specified Places Where Signs on Display at Stated Times" be amended by adding the following:

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10. This option was chosen because staff contacted RVH to determine shift changes and felt this would have the best impact on restricting employees and patrons. This option will still permit late evening and weekend parking for residents of Dunsmore Lane and for vehicles to park on-street and access Dunsmore Park.
11. Alternative parking for Dunsmore Park can also be accommodated on Harrogate Court and Cheltenham Road.
12. Staff also reviewed just restricting parking in proximity to the catwalk which connects to RVH. Staff do not recommend this as it would push vehicles to the northern portion of Dunsmore Lane creating similar concerns.
13. Barrie Police Service and Barrie Fire and Emergency Service do not oppose the recommended motion.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

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

ALTERNATIVES

15. The alternatives available for consideration by General Committee:

Alternative #1

General Committee could decide to maintain the current on-street parking on Dunsmore Lane.

This alternative is not recommended as vehicles currently parking on Dunsmore Lane, are parking for long durations creating operational and safety concerns for area residents wishing to access Dunsmore Park or find on-street parking for area residents.

Alternative #2

General Committee could decide to implement "No Parking Anytime" entirely on Dunsmore Lane.

This alternative is not recommended as Dunsmore Lane is a residential roadway and there is a still a need for on-street parking for area residents and visitors to Dunsmore Lane Park.

FINANCIAL

16. It would cost approximately \$800 for the signage to be installed. This can be accommodated in the 2017 operating budget.

LINKAGE TO COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

17. The recommendations included in this Staff Report are related to well-planned transportation to improve roadway safety as identified in the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan.

APPENDIX "A"

