



TO:	GENERAL COMMITTEE
SUBJECT:	INVESTIGATION PARKING RESTRICTIONS - ALONG SAUNDERS ROAD
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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:

"Saunders Road Both sides from Welham Road to Huronia Road."

PURPOSE & BACKGROUND

2. Staff have received motion 19-G-362 which states "That Staff in the Operations Department investigate the feasibility of parking restrictions along Saunders Road and report back to General Committee."
3. Saunders Road from Huronia Road to Welham Road is a two (2) lane industrial road that has a pavement width of 8.0 metres with barrier curbs. Saunders Road from Welham Road to Lockhart Road is a two (2) lane industrial road with a pavement width of 8.0 metres with painted edge lines and asphalt and gravel shoulders. There are commercial driveway accesses and Barrie Transit bus stops on both segments of Saunders Road.
4. Currently, parking is permitted on both sides of Saunders Road from Lockhart Road to Huronia Road. Overnight on-street parking is prohibited from December 1st to March 31st, between 12:01 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.

ANALYSIS

5. Staff have completed field observations in the A.M., noon, and P.M. time periods, and reached out to local businesses. Staff have identified that there has been a history of employee vehicles parking on both sides of the road between Welham Road and Huronia Road.

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6. Staff investigated parking on Saunders Road from Welham Road to Lockhart Road and periodically observed vehicles parking along the roadway. However, with there being painted edge lines with asphalt and gravel shoulders, parked vehicles were able to remain clear of the travel lanes and did not impede commercial driveway accesses. Staff will continue to monitor parking on Saunders Road throughout this section to ensure traffic operations and safety are not affected.
 7. A mailout providing proposed parking restrictions on both sides of Saunders Road from Welham Road to Huronia Road was mailed to twenty-three (23) property owners around the area to receive potential feedback on these restrictions. No responses were received from the mailout however Staff did have phone conversations with concerned business owners prior to the mailout survey.
 8. Saunders Road is an industrial roadway with 8.0-metre-wide asphalt and barrier curb. The road has heavy truck traffic and is Barrie Transit route with multiple stops in both directions. With vehicles parking along both sides of the road business owners have expressed concerns that their commercial vehicles have experienced delays while entering and exiting their sites due to on street parking. On street parking also has the potential to impact emergency services. Trucks entering and exiting commercial driveways require larger turning radiuses which are greatly impacted as a result of on street parking.
 9. Based on feedback from area business owners and staff observations it is recommended that Traffic By-law 80-138 Schedule "A", "No Parking Any Time" be amended by adding the following:

 "Saunders Road" Both sides from Welham Road to Huronia Road."
 10. The proposed "No Parking Any Time" on both sides of Saunders Road between Welham Road to Huronia Road will eliminate any potential concerns with vehicles impeding commercial driveway accesses and maintain free flow traffic for Barrie Transit, the public and, maintain optimal lane widths for emergency service vehicles.
 11. Barrie Police Service, Barrie Fire and Emergency Service and Municipal Law Enforcement staff do not oppose the recommended motion.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT MATTERS

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

ALTERNATIVES

13. There are two (2) alternatives available for consideration by General Committee:

Alternative 1 General Committee could decide to maintain the current on-street parking on both sides of Saunders Road.

This alternative is not recommended as there is history with vehicles parking along both sides of Saunders Road from Welham Road to Huronia Road. Parked vehicles through this section with no shoulders, impedes free-flow traffic and creates operation and safety concerns for trucks entering/exiting commercial driveway accesses, Barrie Transit accessing the stops, and the potential for emergency service vehicles to access businesses with the tight lane widths.

Alternative 2 General Committee could decide to implement “No Parking Any Time” on both sides of Saunders Road between Lockhart Road and Huronia Road.

This alternative is not recommended as it would prohibit vehicles from parking along Saunders Road completely. Saunders Road from Welham Road to Lockhart Road has painter edge lines with paved and gravel shoulders that provide enough room for vehicles to be completely clear of the travel lanes in either direction. Investigations, and the lack of responses showed that parking in this section was not a concern.

FINANCIAL

14. The cost of implementing the proposed parking regulations is approximately \$1000 which can be accommodated in the 2020 Operation budget.

LINKAGE TO 2018-2022 STRATEGIC PLAN

15. The recommendation included in this Staff Report support the following goals identified in the 2018-2022 Strategic Plan:
- a) Improving the ability to get around Barrie.
16. The recommendation of implementing “No Parking Anytime” along both sides of Saunders Road from Welham Road to Huronia Road will allow for trucks to enter/exit the commercial driveway accesses with no obstructions. In addition, increase traffic operations and safety as lane widths will remain optimal for regular traffic, heavy trucks, Barrie Transit, and emergency service vehicles.

APPENDIX "A"

