

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – MAY 21, 2002

ST. ANDREWS CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARKING ZONES AT SCHOOL LAY-BY LANES

Recommendation

The Commissioner, Development Services, in consultation with the Director of Legal Services, recommends:

1. That an administrative amendment be made to the Consolidated Parking By-law 1-96 Section 2, Subsection 1.(p), to read “Highway includes a common and public highway, street, avenue, parkway, parking lay-by lane, square, place, bridge, viaduct, or trestle, designed and intended for, or used by, the general public for the passage of vehicles”; and
2. That signs be posted to prohibit overnight parking and parking for more than three hours at the parking lay-by lanes on Forest Fountain Drive in front of St. Andrews Catholic School.

Purpose

To respond to non-parent parking use during school times of the parking lay-by lanes in front of St. Andrews Catholic School.

Background - Analysis and Options

St. Andrews Catholic School is located on Forest Fountain Drive south of Sonoma Boulevard and opened in September 2001. The school was built with two parking lay-by lanes on the east side of Forest Fountain Drive for the purpose of providing a safe area for the drop-off and pick-up of students. Refer to Attachment No. 1.

Complaints have been received from school officials and parents regarding continued parking by residents in the lay-by lanes for extended periods during school times, reducing the number of parking spaces available for pick up and drop off activity.

Staff conducted observations of parking activity in the area on January 9, 2002. It was noted that upon arrival at 7:30 a.m. there were 5 vehicles parked in the lay-by lanes. At 5:30 p.m. 4 of these 5 vehicles were still in the same location and there was one additional vehicle parked in the lay-by lanes.

Upon consultation with the Legal Department, it was confirmed that parking lay-by lanes should be considered part of a “Highway”, or paved portion of a public road allowance, and subject to Consolidated Parking By-law 1-96 which prohibits overnight parking and parking for more than three hours on all City streets. As parking lay-by lanes are a relatively new road feature in the City, it is recommended that signs be posted at the parking lay-by lanes in front of St. Andrews Catholic School to prohibit overnight parking and parking for more than three hours. Staff will request that the By-law Enforcement Department provide more frequent enforcement of this by-law in the area.

Conclusion

It is recommended that Consolidated Parking By-law 1-96 be amended to include lay-by parking lanes, and that signs be posted at the parking lay-by lanes on Forest Fountain Drive in front of St.

Andrews Catholic School to prohibit overnight parking and parking for more than three hours in accordance with the by-law.

Attachments

1. Location Map

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ATTACHMENT No. 1

