

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE JUNE 14, 2011

OVERNIGHT ON STREET PARKING PERMITS

Recommendation

The Director of Enforcement Services recommends:

1. That staff report back in the fall with costings for the various options.

Contribution to Sustainability

Not applicable.

Economic Impact

The economic impact is not yet known and would depend on which, if any, option is directed by Council.

Communications Plan

Staff will report back in fall.

Purpose

This report is to provide preliminary detail on potential options to facilitate the public obtaining overnight visitor parking permits.

Background - Analysis and Options

In 2002, the City of Vaughan began offering visitor parking permits for overnight parking. Five permits are available per month, per household, at a cost of \$5.00 each. These permits are only available by attending the Civic Centre Monday to Friday between 8:30am and 8:30pm. These permits generate approximately \$5000 per year.

On May 3, 2011, Council directed

“.....That appropriate staff be directed to research any and all means to make the delivery of occasional overnight on street parking permits user friendly; and that a report on this matter be returned to the Committee of The Whole before the end of June 2011.”

There are a number of options that could be considered.

1. Automated Phone-In Option

Permits may be made available by telephone, through a couple of methods.

An automated phone system could be developed with the necessary parameters, however, it would require additional upgrades to the existing ticketing hardware and software to track “real time” permits to prevent issuing tickets to a vehicle that had a permit.

2. On-Line Self-Serve Option

Technological solutions for selling parking permits using the internet exist and can be purchased or a solution may be able developed in-house. Such a solution might enable individuals to print permits from the internet and display them in their vehicle.

3. Bulk Pre-Purchase Manual Option

Similar to garbage tags, permits could be sold in advance to homeowners for use in the future. This option would use “scratch” style permits which would be valid if displayed in the vehicle on the date exposed.

Costs associated with these options require further investigation. I.T. is undertaking the search with respect to logistics and costing of implementation of the technological options.

It should be noted that parking permits impact on parking enforcement productivity.

Staff will undertake additional research including cost of technological solutions, and report back on potential costs.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

In consideration of the Strategic priorities related to the Vaughan Vision 2020, this report will provide:

- Strategic Goal:

Service Excellence - Providing service excellence to the citizens of Vaughan.

Regional Implications

Not applicable.

Conclusion

There are several options available to enhance the overnight on street visitor parking program. More work is required to identify the financial impact involved. Staff will report back in the fall with financial impacts for further consideration.

Attachments

None

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