

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (WORKING SESSION) FEBRUARY 10, 2004**

### **3 HOUR PARKING LIMIT REVIEW**

#### **Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works and the Senior Manager of By-law Enforcement, recommends:

That Council provides direction on this matter.

#### **Purpose**

This report is to provide information on the City of Vaughan's on street 3 hour parking restriction contained in City of Vaughan Bylaw 1-96.

#### **Background - Analysis and Options**

This report is in response to several inquiries from Council regarding the 3 hour parking restriction on City roads.

This topic was discussed at the Committee of the Whole – Working Session on June 9, 2003 (Item 3, Report 44). At that time staff requested direction on the 3 hour parking limit and Council approved no changes to the 3 hour limit.

Comments and concerns from residents surrounding the 3 hour parking restriction, especially in the evening hours (from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.), continue to be received by Council and staff.

Enforcement of the 3 hour parking prohibition is conducted reactively. By-law Enforcement does not enforce this provision of By-law 1-96 unless there is a complaint from a member of the public. Upon receipt of a complaint, By-law Enforcement would enforce the provisions of the By-law on the entire street, not just one specific home.

A recent review of statistics relating to the 3 hour restriction revealed that the City spends approximately \$80,000. in staff costs (per annum) to enforce this provision between 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. The fine revenue is \$18,000. The cost is high and the revenue low as staff are required to mark each vehicle and then return after three hours. Many times the vehicles that have been marked have moved.

While the 3 hour restriction is required during the day to prevent employees, students, or other members of the public from parking on the street rather than parking in the space or lots provided, the evening restriction is prohibitive for those residents that wish to entertain for longer than three hours.

Other area municipalities have various 3 hour provisions. Markham has no 3 hour limit, Brampton has a 3 hour limit like that in Vaughan, and Richmond Hill has a 3 hour limit, but it is not enforced after 7 p.m. All three of these municipalities do not permit overnight parking.

#### **Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007**

This report is in keeping with Vaughan Vision 2007 as it speaks to providing service in keeping with requests from the citizens of the City of Vaughan.

**Conclusion**

The elimination of By-law 1-96's 3 hour parking restriction from 6 p.m. – 11 p.m. would save staff time and cost, improve resident satisfaction, and not substantially impact revenues.

**Attachments**

None

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Respectfully submitted,

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