COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - FEBRUARY 20, 2006

STATION STREET PROPOSED NO PARKING PROHIBITION

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends:

- 1. That By-law 1-96, the Consolidated Parking By-law, be amended to remove the 3-hour parking regulation on the west side of Station Street between Hill Street and the southerly limit of Station Street, on the south side of Hill Street adjacent to the Maple United Cemetery; and
- 2. That By-law 1-96, the Consolidated Parking By-law, be amended to allow parking from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm, Monday to Friday on the west side of Station Street, between Hill Street and the southerly limit of Station Street and on the south side of Hill Street adjacent to the Maple United Cemetery.

Economic Impact

The cost to install the Parking Prohibition signs can be accommodated in the 2006 Operating Budget. The on-going costs to maintain the signs would be an impact to future Operating Budgets.

Purpose

To review the feasibility of implementing 'No Parking' signs on the west side of Station Street between Hill Street and the southerly limit of Station Street and removing the 3-hour parking regulation on Station Street.

Background - Analysis and Options

Requests from residents have been received to review the parking activity on Station Street south of Hill Street. Station Street is a local residential roadway with a rural cross-section with approximately a 7.0 meter traveled road width. It is an offset cul-de-sac adjoining Maple United Cemetery access at the south end of the street and leads directly into the Maple Go Train Station at the north end. There are existing parking prohibition signs north of Hill Street on the east side of Station Street installed by Go Transit. The signs read 'Emergency Access Route - Improper Parked Vehicles May Be Tagged And/Or Towed At Owners Expense'. On the west side, there is angled parking spaces for Go Transit patrons. South of Hill Street, there is an existing parking prohibition on the east side of Station Street in front of the corner house #11. On the west side of Station Street in this area parking is permitted in accordance with the City-wide Consolidated Parking By-law. Refer to Attachment No. 1.

A parking review was conducted on Tuesday, November 22, 2005 during the time periods of 8:30 am to 9:00 am, 11:45 am to 12:15 pm and from 3:30 pm to 4:00 pm. The greatest number of vehicles parked on Station Street south of Hill Street was 12 during each time period. The vehicles were parked on the west side, leaving less than 6.0 meters of road width, which is insufficient for 2-way traffic. Further, when vehicles are parked on either side of Station Street, south of Hill Street, the reduced road width impacts accessibility for emergency vehicles.

As observed during the study, the same vehicles were parked on Station Street for longer than 3 hours throughout the day, which is in violation with the Consolidated Parking By-law. Up to 5 additional vehicles were also observed illegally parking in the area during the same time period - 2 across the dead end and 3 others along the east side. Given the short length of street with no

residences impacted, along with the demand for Go Transit parking in the area, it is prudent to remove the 3-hour parking regulations and allow parking on the west side of Station Street.

It was also noted during the study that over 20 vehicles are angle parked daily along the south side of Hill Street, east of Station Street and adjacent to the Maple United Cemetery, also in contravention of the Consolidated Parking By-law. In addition to the revisions related to Station Street parking, staff are recommending that the amendments to the Consolidated Parking By-law also be applied consistently to this section of Hill Street as well.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This traffic study is consistent with Vaughan Vision 2007 as to identify and implement innovative traffic management alternatives to improve general traffic safety (1.1.3).

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Conclusion

Based on staff's review, it is recommended that on-street parking be allowed, and signed accordingly, from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm, Monday to Friday, on the west side of Station Street between Hill Street and the southerly limit of Station Street and on the south side of Hill Street adjacent to the Maple United Cemetery; that By-law 1-96, the Consolidated Parking By-law, be amended to remove the 3 hour parking regulation on subject sections of Station Street and Hill Street.

Attachments

1. Location Map

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