

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - DECEMBER 1, 2008**

### **PERMIT PARKING PILOT PROJECT – NAPA VALLEY**

#### **Recommendation**

The Director of Enforcement Services in consultation with the Director of Public Works and the Supervisor of Traffic Engineering recommend:

1. That a one year paid permit parking pilot project be commenced by June 1, 2009 on Napa Valley Drive (from numbers 323 to 357 and from 604 to 662); and
2. That staff report back on the project one year after it commences.

#### **Economic Impact**

The economic impact for this pilot project may result in approximately \$13000 in additional revenue.

#### **Communications Plan**

The Ward Councillor will issue a media release, hold an area meeting, as well as inform by mail those residents of the listed properties of the nature of the project.

A handout for area residents will be developed by staff for distribution in April 2009

#### **Purpose**

This report is to introduce a paid parking pilot project for 36 parking spaces on Napa Valley Drive

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

Council at its meeting of September 8, 2008, Item 8, Report 40, adopted the following recommendation.

*"That appropriate staff be directed to provide the terms of reference (including operational details) for a one-year-long pilot project, to permit overnight, on-street parking along Napa Valley Drive (from numbers 323 to 357 and from 604 to 662), and that a report in this regard be provided to a future Committee of the Whole no later than October 31, 2008."*

Townhouses with double garages fronting onto rear laneways are a feature of the above-noted portions of Napa Valley Drive. As this area has grown, the number of complaints regarding the lack of available parking have also increased substantially.

The proposed pilot project would provide a limited opportunity to purchase overnight parking permits for 36 parking spaces on Napa Valley Drive from numbers 323 to 357 and from 604 to 662.

The permits will cost \$50 per month per vehicle. This price is consistent with other parking pilot projects undertaken by the City, and covers the cost of the permits and the administration of program. It is proposed that the pilot project commence June 1, 2009. This will allow the frost to leave the ground, enabling signage to be erected, and also allow for the communication of the project to area residents.

The 36 permits will be available to the public on a first come first serve basis, and will be available at the Enforcement Services offices at the Civic Centre from 8:30am – 8:30pm, Monday to Friday. The permits will be available on the Monday of the last full week of the month.

### Operational Considerations

The issues were identified by staff in developing the project criteria included, but were not necessarily limited to the following:

- Potential impacts on snow plowing, windrow clearing, street sweeping etc. As this parking pilot is scheduled to take place over winter months, the residents in the project area should be informed that the City may not be clearing windrows in the designated on-street parking areas. It is too difficult to maneuver the equipment in and out between parked cars, and the potential for damage is significant. The windrow clearing difficulty will be at the front of the residences as the plows maneuver around park cars.
- Emergency repairs such as water main breaks, service leaks etc., and operations within the City's road allowance by others, may also be impacted by parked cars. This pilot will provide an opportunity for staff to better evaluate these issues.

### Allocated Parking Spaces - 36

Number of parking spaces that can be allocated between #323 & #357 Napa Valley is 15.

Staff have attended the area and due to factors such as intersections, driveways, and fire hydrants, only 15 spaces are available for this location. Therefore, parking can only be provided between the property line of #349 west to the curb radius of Sonoma Blvd, approximately 70m or 11 spaces at 6.5m in length, east side. On the west side, one parking space between #332 and #328, and three space between the end of curb of Julia Valentina west for 22m.

Number of parking spaces that can be allocated between #604 & #662 Napa Valley is 21.

Staff have also attended the area and due to the same factors listed above, only 21 spaces are available for this location. There is an intersecting roadway Monte Carlo which does not allow parking within an intersection. The distance is 97m between #662 and Monte Carlo, 15 spaces and 40m between Monte Carlo and #604, 6 spaces, on both the north/south sides.

### Parking Issues

By-Law Enforcement Staff will be monitoring the test areas of the street on a daily basis. This is traditionally a high ticket area, and enforcement is an important component of the pilot. Those vehicles parked overnight without a valid permit will be ticketed. Towing repeat offenders will remain an enforcement option. .

As with other proposed pilot parking projects, it is anticipated that there may be an increase in the number of complaints received from area residents regarding unwanted vehicles parked in front of residents' homes.

Also, as the sale of these permits cannot be restricted by address, significant infiltration can be expected into the test area by vehicles from neighbouring streets. These complaints are out of the control of the City, as individual parking spaces cannot be allocated by vehicle or reserved by space.

Staff will report back on the status of the project within one year of the launch of the project.

**Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020**

This project is in keeping with the Vaughan Vision in that it speaks to the pursuit of service excellence.

**Regional Implications**

N/A

**Conclusion**

A pilot project running for one year in this area will assess the benefits and impacts on overnight on street parking. The \$50. per month fee is consistent with other initiatives approved by Council.

**Attachments**

N/A

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Respectfully submitted,

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