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Subject: **Parking Related Concerns – Blair Drive – Ward 3 File I.AC (TRAF)**

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Recommendations:

1. That the report titled: **Parking Related Concerns – Blair Drive (Ward 3)** to the Committee of Council meeting of February 3, 2021 be received; and
2. That Traffic By-law 93-93, as amended, be further amended to implement “No Parking, Anytime” restrictions on west and south sides of Blair Drive between Glidden Road and the westerly limit of the roadway (including cul-de-sac).

Overview:

- **Staff received concerns related to parked vehicles on both sides of Blair Drive.**
- **On-street parking is currently not permitted for a period longer than three hours unless otherwise posted.**
- **The Public Works and Engineering Department reviews the need for on-street parking/stopping restrictions on City streets taking into consideration public safety, emergency/maintenance vehicle access and the needs of the area residents.**

Background:

The Public Works and Engineering Department reviewed on-street parking on Blair Drive to address potential safety issues created by parked and stopped vehicles.

The need to implement parking and stopping restrictions is evaluated by taking into account public safety, access requirements of emergency services and maintenance vehicles and the site-specific characteristics of the roadway.

Current Situation:

Blair Drive is an industrial roadway where on-street parking has been observed to be used primarily by staff of area businesses. Observations undertaken by staff revealed that parking was evident on both sides of Blair Drive, causing egress problems for staff/visitors, and at times resulted in limited access for through traffic (including emergency services and maintenance vehicles). Additionally, the large trucks requiring access to the roadway raise concerns when the travel portion of the road can only accommodate one vehicle due to the parked vehicles on both sides. It has also been noted that large trucks frequently park/stop on the roadway, causing sightline issues for motorists attempting to exit driveways or pedestrians attempting to cross the road.

Although public consultation is not required to implement restrictions based on safety concerns, a letter explaining the proposed parking restrictions along Blair Drive was sent out to ensure those impacted were advised. Feedback that was received showed support for parking restrictions on the west and south sides of Blair Drive between Glidden Road and the westerly limit of the roadway, including the cul-de-sac.

In order to alleviate the above-noted concerns, staff recommends implementing “No Parking, Anytime” restrictions on the west/south side of Blair Drive between Glidden Road and the westerly limit of the roadway (including cul-de-sac). Figure 1, attached, illustrates the recommended restriction.

Corporate Implications:

Financial Implications:

The costs associated with the installation of the traffic signs required to support this initiative are estimated to be \$401. There is sufficient funding available within the Public Works and Engineering operating budget to proceed with the recommendations in this report.

Strategic Plan:

This report achieves the “Move & Connect” Priority of the Strategic Plan by supporting the “active transportation and cycling strategy” initiative of the plan.

Council Priority – Streets for People

This report incorporates the Vision Zero framework into transportation planning, design and operations to prevent fatal and serious injury from motor vehicle collisions within the City right-of-way.

Conclusion:

Based on the parking review of the subject roadway, staff recommends implementing “No Parking, Anytime” restrictions on west and south sides of Blair Drive between Glidden Road and the westerly limit of the roadway (including the cul-de-sac).

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Figure 1: Recommended No-Parking Restrictions on Blair Drive