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Subject: **Parking/Stopping Related Concerns – Finley Road (Ward 3)**

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Recommendations:

1. That the report titled: **Parking/Stopping Related Concerns – Finley Road (Ward 3) (R165-2021 – File I.AC TRAF)** to the Committee of Council meeting of February 24, 2021 be received; and,
2. That Traffic By-law 93-93, as amended, be further amended to implement “No Stopping, Anytime” restrictions on the north side of Finley Road between West Drive and the westerly limit of Finley Road (including cul-de-sac).

Overview:

- **Staff received concerns related to parked and stopped vehicles on both sides of Finley Road.**
- **On-street parking/stopping is currently permitted on both sides of the road for a period no 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.**
- **Staff have reviewed, and recommends implementation of stopping restrictions on Finley Road (Ward 3).**

Background:

The Public Works and Engineering Department reviewed on-street parking on Finley Road to address potential safety issues created by parked/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:

Finley Road is an industrial roadway where on-street parking has primarily been used by the staff and visitors of the area businesses. Observations undertaken by staff revealed that parking was evident on both sides of Finley Road, causing egress issues for staff/visitors and, at times, resulted in limited access for through traffic (including emergency services and maintenance vehicles). Staff observed that the heavy vehicles stopped on the north side of Finley Road partially blocked westbound through traffic, thereby forcing the passing vehicles to travel on the opposing lane.

Finley Road has a rural cross-section and hence, does not have sidewalks on either side. Pedestrians have been observed walking on the shoulders of Finley Road to access the businesses from the bus stop on West Drive. When the parked/stopped vehicles take up shoulder spaces, pedestrians are forced to walk on the travelled portion of the roadway, creating safety concerns for both approaching vehicles and pedestrians.

Further, it has been noted that frequent parking/stopping of large trucks on Finley Road caused sightline issues for motorists attempting to exit driveways and pedestrians attempting to cross the road.

In order to address the above-noted concerns, staff recommends implementing “No Stopping, Anytime” restrictions on the north side of Finley Road between West Drive and the westerly limit of Finley Road (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 \$642. 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 review of the subject roadways, staff recommends implementing “No Stopping, Anytime” restrictions on the north side of Finley Road between West Drive and westerly limit of Finley Road (including cul-de-sac).

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Figure 1: Recommended No Stopping Restriction on Finley Road (Ward 3)