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Subject: **Parking Considerations on Seymour Road (Ward 9)**

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Recommendations:

1. That the report titled: **Parking Considerations on Seymour Road (Ward 9), (R1037/2021 - File I.AC TRAF)** to the Committee of Council meeting of October 27, 2021 be received; and
2. That parking on Seymour Road be revised to allow parking on north side from the 1st to the 15th and on south side from 16th to the end of each month.

Overview:

- **Staff investigated alternatives to address the lack of on-street parking identified by the residents of Seymour Road.**
- **Given the current width of Seymour Road, parking can only be permitted on one side of the roadway in order to maintain access for emergency, maintenance and other large vehicles.**
- **In order to address the concerns of the residents, staff presented the following options through a public consultation process:**
 1. **Do Nothing.**
 2. **Permit parking on north side of the street from the 1st to the 15th of each month and on the south side of the street from the 16th to end of each month.**

- **The results of the public consultation process revealed the majority of respondents were in favour of option 2 to revise the current restrictions.**

Background:

Staff have received concerns from the residents on Seymour Road regarding the lack of available on-street parking. The residents of Seymour Road have requested that the existing parking restrictions on the south side of Seymour Road be removed to allow vehicles to park on both sides of the street.

Current Situation:

Currently, parking is only permitted on the north side of Seymour Road as part of the subdivision approval process. Seymour Road is located within an Alternative Design Standard (ADS) approved Block Plan area, as such the local roads have been designed with narrower pavement widths in order to slow traffic and provide for a more walkable community.

The current pavement width on local roads within this subdivision is 7.5 metres. Given the reduced pavement width, parking can only be permitted on one side of the roadway to ensure there is sufficient room for emergency, maintenance and other large vehicles to travel along the roadway.

Since parking cannot be permitted on both sides of the roadway, staff reviewed options that would equitably allow for visitor parking on both the north and south side of the road. Through the review of various options, staff determined that in order to equitably allow for parking on both the north and south side of the street, the parking permissions could be revised as follows;

1. Parking be permitted on north side of Seymour Road from 1st to the 15th of each month.
2. Parking be permitted on south side of Seymour Road from 16th to end of each month.

Public Consultation:

In accordance with approved methodology to solicit public feedback, questionnaires were hand delivered to the residents on Seymour Road by the regional council office for the area. The survey outlined the following two options for consideration.

1. Do Nothing.
2. Permit parking on at north side of the street from the 1st to the 15th of each month and on the south side of the street from the 16th to end of each month.

A total of 40 surveys were distributed, and a total of 6 surveys were returned to the City. Based on the returned surveys, 2 were in favour of option 1 (Do Nothing) and 4 were in favour of option 2 to revise the parking permissions. However, despite the low

response rate, the regional council office also indicated that during the distribution of the surveys, the majority of residents verbally supported option 2.

Corporate Implications:

Financial Implications:

The costs associated with the removal of the existing “No Parking” signs and the installation of the new “No Parking” signs required to support the changes on Seymour Road are estimated to be \$540. 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 result of the returned surveys and discussions with the regional council office, staff recommends that the parking restrictions on Seymour Road be revised to permit parking on the north side of the street from the 1st to the 15th of each month and on the south side of the street from the 16th to end of each month. This requires an amendment to the “No Parking” schedule of Traffic By-law 93-93.

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