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Subject: **Reserved Parking on City Property for Expectant Mothers and New Parents (RM 11/2023)**

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Recommendations:

1. That the report from Kevin Minaker, Manager, Traffic Operations and Parking, Road Maintenance, Operations and Fleet to the Committee of Council Meeting of June 21, 2023, re: **Reserved Parking on City Property for Expectant Mothers and New Parents (RM 11/2023)**, be received;
2. That staff implement reserved parking spaces for expectant mothers and new parents at all existing City facilities; and
3. That any future City facilities include reserved parking spaces for expectant mothers and new parents.

Overview:

- **This report provides Council with information regarding the potential implementation of reserved parking for expectant mothers and new parents at all City facilities, subject to Council approval.**
- **Staff seek Council approval to implement reserved parking spaces for expectant mother and new parents at all City facilities, and in the design of all new City facilities.**
- **The implementation of reserved parking for expectant mothers and new parents will assist pregnant women and new parents with access to City facilities.**
- **Staff identified the Brampton Civic Centre as the only City facility where expectant mother parking is available.**

- **This type of parking is commonly found in commercial parking lots in the City.**
- **The costs are estimated at \$10,000 for City-wide implementation. There is sufficient budget in the Public Works and Engineering operating budget.**

Background:

On March 1, 2023, Council directed staff to report back on the potential for expectant mother parking spaces at City-owned property, including a review of existing policy, feasibility, and current existing designations of specified parking.

The City's parking lots are managed by different Divisions and were consulted on the potential for reserved parking for expectant mothers and new parents.

The City does not have a policy for reserved parking for expectant mothers at City facilities, but Traffic By-law 93-93 permits the implementation of different types of parking on City properties.

Staff are aware that the Brampton Civic Centre has reserved parking for new mothers in the vicinity of the Peel Public Health office. The City installed these signs as part of a tenant lease agreement requirement for both the Kinder College Daycare Centre and the Region of Peel prenatal and parenting clinic. In addition, the Susan Fennell Sportsplex provides specific parking spaces dedicated to seniors near the entrance to the library.

A number of other private parking lots in the City provide some version of expectant mother parking, although the signage and markings vary between the locations.

Current Situation:

It is feasible to implement reserved parking spaces for expectant mothers and new parents across City facilities. Staff will proceed with implementing reserved parking spaces for expectant mothers and new parents, beginning at City facilities that are frequently accessed by the public such as recreation centres, subject to Council approval.

The number and location of the spaces will differ depending on the layout of each facility. Staff would recommend implementing a space that can be used by both expectant mothers and new parents.

The following considerations will support implementation:

- The number of these parking spaces will not exceed the number of accessible parking spaces.
- The location of these spaces will be close to or immediately next to existing accessible parking spaces.
- The signage for these parking spaces will be standardized for consistency citywide through Traffic Services.
- Signage for these spaces will be developed based on the approval of the recommendations of this report to expectant mothers and new parents.

Corporate Implications:

Financial Implications:

The costs associated with this initiative are estimated to be \$10,000 based on the number of parking spaces implemented and materials required. There is sufficient funding available within the 2023 operating budget to proceed with this initiative.

Other Implications:

Term of Council Priorities:

The recommendations in this staff report support the Well-Run City priority as the implementation of reserved parking spaces at select City facilities for new expectant mothers and new parents supports greater accessibility to critical public services.

Conclusion:

Staff recommends proceeding with reserved parking spaces for expectant mothers and new parents at all existing and future City facilities. The implementation of this type of parking will assist with access to City facilities for pregnant women and new parents.

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