






TO: GENERAL COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: PARKING PROHIBITION ON STEEL STREET

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RECOMMENDED MOTION

1. That By-law 80-138, Schedule "B", "No Parking in Specified Places Where Signs on Display at Stated Times" be amended by deleting the following:

<u>"Steel Street"</u>	In front of Steele Street School and St Monica's Separate.	North side	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. excluding Saturdays Sundays and Statutory Holidays."
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And add the following:

<u>"Steel Street"</u>	From a point 32 metres east of Rodney Street to Cook Street.	North side	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. excluding Saturdays Sundays and Statutory Holidays."
<u>"Steel Street"</u>	From a point 42 metres east of Jeffery Street to a point 128 metres east thereof.	North side	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. excluding Saturdays Sundays and Statutory Holidays."

2. That By-law 80-138, Schedule "D", "Stopping Prohibited" be amended by deleting the following:

<u>"Steel Street"</u>	Adjacent to the St. Monica's School Grounds	South Side	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. excluding Saturdays Sundays and Statutory Holidays."
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<u>"Steel Street"</u>	Rodney Street to Nelson Street	South Side	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. excluding Saturdays Sundays and Statutory Holidays."
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PURPOSE & BACKGROUND

3. On November 1, 2010 City Council adopted Motion 10-G-390 regarding Steel Street on-street parking which states:

"That staff in the Engineering Department investigate the feasibility of implementing additional daytime parking restrictions along Steel Street from Steele Street Public School eastwards to Cook Street and report back to General Committee."
4. Steel Street is a two-lane collector roadway with a pavement width of 9.0 metres and a daily traffic volume of approximately 2,300 vehicles per day.
5. On-street parking is prohibited on the north side of Steel Street in front of Steele Street Public School and St. Monica's Catholic School, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. except Saturdays, Sundays and Statutory Holidays. Stopping is prohibited on the south side of Steel Street from Rodney Street to Nelson Street, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. except Saturdays, Sundays and Statutory Holidays. Refer to Appendix "A" for map of the area. On-street parking is prohibited from November 1 to April 15, between 12:00 midnight and 7:00 a.m. for the purpose of snow clearing.
6. Steele Street Public School is located on Steel Street between Rodney Street to Cook Street and has a student population of 388 students, with approximately 100 students being bussed to school.

ANALYSIS

7. A site visit by City staff identified vehicles parking and blocking residential driveways on Steel Street when picking up and dropping off children to Steele Street Public School. This could cause operational concerns as residents may have difficulty entering and exiting their driveways.
8. A Parking Questionnaire was prepared and mailed to 60 property owners on Steel Street. Results of the Parking Questionnaire responses are as follows:

STEEL STREET ON-STREET PARKING SURVEY	RESPONSES RECEIVED	PERCENTAGE OF RESPONSES
Leave current parking regulations in place on both sides of Steel Street.	9	53%
Extend No Parking on the north side of Steel Street from in front of Steele Street Public School to Cook Street.	8	47%
TOTAL (Out of 60)	17	28%

9. Based on the survey results and staff review, staff recommended that By-law 80-138, Schedule "B", "No Parking in Specified Places Where Signs on Display at Stated Times" be amended by deleting the following:

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10. In a review of By-law 30-138, Schedule "B", "No Parking in Specified Places Where Signs on Display at Stated Times" staff found that the No Parking in front of St. Monica's Catholic School was not geographically referenced. Staff recommend that By-law 30-138, Schedule "B", "No Parking in Specified Places Where Signs on Display at Stated Times" be amended to include the following:

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11. In a review of By-law 30-138, Schedule "D", "Stopping Prohibited" staff found that No Stopping on the south side of Steel Street from Rodney Street to Nelson Street from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm except Saturdays, Sundays and Statutory Holidays is not consistent with No Parking regulations on the north side of Steel Street, of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm except Saturdays, Sundays and Statutory Holidays. Staff also found that No Stopping on the south side of Steel Street adjacent to St. Monica's Catholic School Grounds is duplicated within By-law 80-138 and should be removed. Staff recommend deleting the following:

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12. Staff contacted the Principal of Steele Street Public School with regards to the parking concerns along Steel Street. The Principal was in favour of extending parking restrictions because of safety concerns for children being loaded and unloaded. The Principal also had concerns with vehicles blocking the parking lot driveway which can cause operational concerns for buses entering and exiting the school parking lot.
13. During a site visit staff observed No Stopping Anytime signs are missing in the vicinity of St. Monica's Catholic School designated School Crossing. As per By-law 80-138 General Provisions staff will install No Stopping Anytime signs thirty (30) metres either side of the School Crossing on the north side of Steel Street.
14. Staff also spoke to the Principal with regards to a Kiss & Ride program; however due to the limited space in the school parking lot a Kiss & Ride could not be implemented.
15. Barrie Police Service, Barrie Fire and Emergency Service and Municipal Law Enforcement do not oppose the recommended motion.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

16. There are no environmental matters related to the recommendation.

ALTERNATIVES

17. The following alternative is available for consideration by General Committee:

Alternative #1

General Committee could maintain current on-street parking regulations on Steel Street in the area of Steele Street Public School.

This alternative is not recommended as vehicles currently parking on Steel Street, cause operational concerns for busses trying to enter the school parking lot as well as blocking residential driveways.

FINANCIAL

18. The installation of No-Parking Signs would cost approximately \$150 which can be accommodated in the 2011 Business Plan.

LINKAGE TO 2010 – 2014 COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN

19. The recommendations included in this Staff Report are not specifically related to the goals identified in the 2010-2014 City Council Strategic Plan.

APPENDIX "A"

