


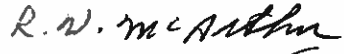



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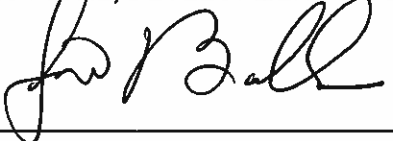
TO: GENERAL COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: TRAFFIC BY-LAW 80-138 UPDATES

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**RECOMMENDED MOTION**

1. That By-Law 80-138, Operation of Vehicles, Section 6 be amended by including the following condition:
  - a) 6(8) One-Way Streets

The Director of Operations has the authority to temporarily convert one-way streets to two-way streets during construction activities or emergencies that would otherwise not allow access to the properties adjacent to the construction or emergency.
2. That By-Law 80-138, Parking Prohibited, Section 4 be amended by including the following condition:
  - a) 4(14) Large Motor Vehicle

No person shall stop, stand or park a large motor vehicle or a trailer on any street in any residential zone unless it is at the time being used to make a delivery or to provide a service.
3. That By-Law 80-138, Parking Meters/Pay and Display Machines, Section 5 be updated by including the following:
  - a) 5(25) Exemption for Emergency Vehicles

Emergency Vehicles including police, fire and ambulance shall be exempt from paying parking rates at City parking meters and pay and display machines.
4. That By-Law 80-138, Interpretation, Section 1 be updated by including the following definitions:
  - a) (nn) "Large Motor Vehicle" means any motor vehicle having a registered gross weight greater than 4,500 kilograms.
  - b) (oo) "Emergency Vehicle" means a vehicle while used by a person in the lawful performance of his or her duties as a police officer, a fire department vehicle or an ambulance.

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**PURPOSE & BACKGROUND**

5. Currently, when construction takes place on or around a one-way street, staff prepare Memorandums to temporarily change the operation from a one-way street to a two-way street. As road closures are required at times to maintain public safety on construction sites, the Operations and Engineering Departments may be required to alter the operation of roadways to maintain the movement and access to traffic on a temporary basis that would otherwise not allow access to properties.
6. By-Law 80-138, Parking Prohibited, Section 4 does not identify residential on-street parking restrictions for large motor vehicles.
7. Barrie Police Services have requested that all emergency vehicles be exempt from paying parking rates at City parking meters and pay and display machines. Currently, emergency service vehicles are not exempt from paying parking rates although as a courtesy in most situations are not issued a ticket.

**ANALYSIS**

8. Staff recommend By-Law 80-138, Operation of Vehicles, Section 6 One-Way Streets be amended by adding the following: the Director of Operations has the authority to temporarily convert one-way streets to two-way streets during construction activities or emergencies that would otherwise not allow access to the properties adjacent to the construction or emergency.
9. Temporarily converting one-way streets to two-way streets during construction provides the Operations and Engineering Departments the flexibility to improve traffic operations within construction areas. Notice of the temporary conversion will be provided to Council and others per the Right-of-Way Activity By-law.
10. The Engineering Department receives complaints that large commercial and recreational vehicles park on residential streets which impede sight lines and access to some driveways. Currently, the City of Barrie does not prohibit large motor vehicles from on-street parking in By-Law 80-138.
11. Amending By-Law 80-138 to include a large motor vehicle parking prohibition will allow Municipal Law Enforcement staff the ability to enforce the prohibition of large motor vehicles parked on residential roadways which will improve pedestrian visibility, sight lines and access to driveways. Staff contacted other municipalities who have a large motor vehicle parking prohibition and they found it improved roadway operations.
12. Staff recommend By-Law 80-138, Parking Prohibited, Section 4 be amended to include that "No person shall stop, stand or park a large motor vehicle or a trailer on any street in any residential area unless it is at the time being used to make a delivery or to provide a service".
13. Barrie Police Services had contacted the Municipal Law Enforcement department and requested that all emergency services vehicles be exempt from paying parking rates at parking meters and pay and display machines as they are required to park in City metered parking spaces to perform their lawful duties.
14. Staff recommend By-Law 80-138, Parking Meters/Pay and Display Machines, Section 5 be updated to include that "Emergency Vehicles including police, fire and ambulance shall be exempt from paying parking rates at City parking meters and pay and display machines".

15. Staff recommend the following definitions be added to By-Law 80-138, Interpretations, Section 1:
- a) (nn) "Large Motor Vehicle" means any motor vehicle having a registered gross weight greater than 4,500 kilograms.
  - b) (oo) "Emergency Vehicle" means a vehicle while used by a person in a lawful performance of his or her duties as a police officer, a fire department vehicle or an ambulance.

**ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

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

**FINANCIAL**

17. There are no direct financial implications associated with the recommended motion.

**ALTERNATIVES**

18. The following Alternatives are available for consideration by General Committee:

**Alternative #1** General Committee could maintain the existing By-Law 80-138 with respect to Section 6 One-Way Streets.

This Alternative is not recommended as it could delay construction schedules and restrict traffic movements for a prolonged period of time.

**Alternative #2** General Committee could maintain the existing By-Law 80-138 with respect to Parking Prohibition, Section 4, and not include Large Motor Vehicles.

This Alternative is not recommended as Large Motor Vehicles park on residential streets reducing sight lines and may cause an obstruction for pedestrians crossing the roadway.

**Alternative #3** General Committee could maintain the existing By-Law 80-138 with respect to Parking Meters/Pay and Display Machines, Section 5 and not include an Exemption for Emergency Vehicles.

This Alternative is not recommended as Emergency Vehicles are required to park in various areas throughout the City to perform their lawful duties

**LINKAGE TO COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

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