
TO: GENERAL COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: CATHERINE DRIVE PARKING INVESTIGATION

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RECOMMENDED MOTION

1. That the current on-street parking be maintained on Catherine Drive.

PURPOSE & BACKGROUND

2. Staff in the Roads, Parks and Fleet Department received motion 16-G-299 regarding the investigation of prohibiting parking along Catherine Drive which states:

“That staff in the Roads, Park, and Fleet Department investigate the feasibility of implementing no parking on the south side of Catherine Drive, in the vicinity of Catherine Park.”
3. Catherine Drive is a two (2) lane local road with a daily traffic volume of approximately 500 vehicles per day with an asphalt width of 8.5 metres and a sidewalk along the north side. Please refer to Appendix “A”.
4. Overnight on-street parking is prohibited from December 1st to March 31st, between 12:01 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. for the purpose of winter maintenance.

ANALYSIS

5. Staff reviewed the classification of Catherine Park and determined it is a neighbourhood park which is not intended to have a parking lot to accommodate user parking. Neighbourhood parks are designed to be within walking distance for the adjacent subdivision to promote active transportation.
6. Staff also confirmed with the Recreation Department that there are no scheduled activities at this park which would generate excessive parking.
7. Staff conducted daytime and evening site visits along Catherine Drive to review the parking operation in the vicinity of the park frontage. Based on staff observations there was limited vehicles parked along the frontage of Catherine Park and those that were parked did not pose any operational or safety concerns.

8. A Parking Questionnaire was prepared and mailed to 26 property owners requesting comments on parking operations. Five (5) responses were received and the results of the questionnaire are as follows:

Catherine Drive ON-STREET PARKING SURVEY	RESPONSES RECEIVED IN FAVOUR	PERCENTAGE OF RESPONSES
Option "A" – Leave current parking in place on Catherine Drive in the vicinity of Catherine Park.	3	60%
Option "B" – Implement `No Parking Anytime` entirely on the North side of Catherine Drive, between a point approximately 57 metres east of Gwendolyn Street to a point 38 metres west of Danielle Crescent.	2	40%
Option "C" – Implement `No Parking Anytime` entirely on the South side of Catherine Drive, between a point approximately 57 metres east of Gwendolyn Street to a point 38 metres west of Danielle Crescent.	0	0%

9. The majority of concerns from the responses received from area residents were regarding the speed of vehicles using Catherine Drive.
10. Staff have added Catherine Drive for consideration for the 2018 traffic calming measures and have contacted Barrie Police to provide speed enforcement.
11. As a result of the staff observations and resident feedback, staff recommend that the current parking be maintained along Catherine Drive in the vicinity of Catherine Park.
12. Barrie Police Service, Barrie Fire and Emergency Service and Municipal Law Enforcement staff do not oppose the recommended motion.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

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

ALTERNATIVES

14. There are two (2) alternatives available for consideration by General Committee:

Alternative 1 General Committee could decide to prohibit parking along the north side of Catherine Drive in the vicinity of Catherine Park.

This alternative is not recommended as the current on-street parking does not pose any operational and safety concerns.

Alternative 2 General Committee could decide to prohibit parking along the south side of Catherine Drive in the vicinity of Catherine Park.

This alternative is not recommended as the current on-street parking does not pose any operational and safety concerns.

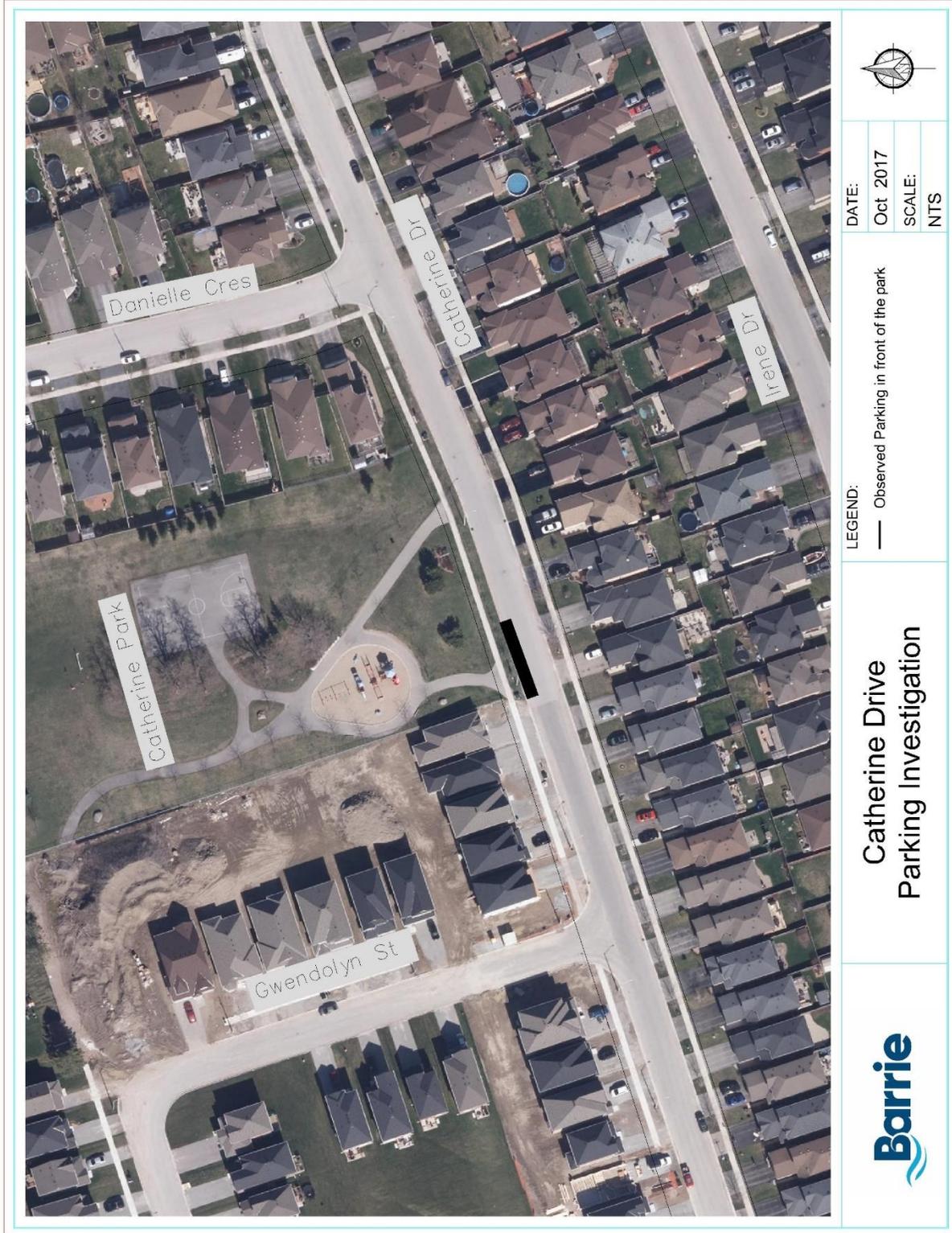
FINANCIAL

15. There are no financial obligations associated with this report.

LINKAGE TO 2014-2018 STRATEGIC PLAN

16. There are no linkages to the 2014-2018 strategic plan.

APPENDIX "A"



DATE: Oct 2017
SCALE: NTS

LEGEND:
— Observed Parking in front of the park

Catherine Drive
Parking Investigation

