
TO:	GENERAL COMMITTEE
SUBJECT:	QUANCE STREET PARKING INVESTIGATION
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RECOMMENDED MOTION

1. That the current on-street parking be maintained on Quance Street.

PURPOSE & BACKGROUND

2. Staff in the Roads, Parks and Fleet Department received motion 16-G-212 regarding the feasibility of removing the parking prohibition on Quance Street which states:

“That staff in Roads, Parks and Fleet investigate the feasibility of removing the current parking prohibition on one or both sides of Quance Street at the intersection of Mapleton Avenue and the inside corner located on the west side of Quance Street, south of Mapleton Avenue, and report back to General Committee.”
3. Quance Street is a two (2) lane local roadway with a pavement width of 8.5 metres with a sidewalk on the north side of the roadway with an approximate daily traffic volume of 500 vehicles per day. Please refer to Appendix ‘A’.
4. Currently, parking is prohibited along the following portions of Quance Street near the intersection of Mapleton Avenue:
 - a) The west side from Mapleton Avenue to a point 87 metres south thereof; and
 - b) The east side from Mapleton Avenue to a point 54 metres south thereof.
5. The current parking prohibition was implemented in 2011 to address operational and safety concerns brought forward from area residents regarding vehicles parking along both sides of the roadway. The parking prohibition prevented vehicles from parking through the bend and at the intersection of Mapleton Avenue and Quance Street. This improves sight lines through the bend and at the intersection while maintaining safe and efficient two-way travel.

6. 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

7. A Parking Questionnaire was prepared and mailed to seventy one (71) property owners to select a preferred option. Seven (7) responses were received and the results of the questionnaire are as follows:

Quance Street ON-STREET PARKING SURVEY	RESPONSES RECEIVED IN FAVOUR	PERCENTAGE OF RESPONSES
Option "A" – Leave the current parking restrictions in place on Quance Street on both sides from Mapleton Avenue southerly through the bend.	5	71%
Option "B" – Remove the current "No Parking Anytime" restriction along the west side of Quance Street from Mapleton Avenue southerly to the bend, while maintaining the existing "No Parking Anytime" restrictions through the bend along the east side of Quance Street.	2	29%

8. The majority of the residents expressed concerns regarding vehicles historically parking along Quance Street causing operational and safety concerns.
9. As a result of both residential feedback, historic concerns and staffs review to ensure the safe and efficient operation of the street, staff recommend that the current parking prohibition along Quance Street be maintained.
10. The parking prohibition prevented vehicles from parking through the bend and at the intersection of Mapleton Avenue and Quance Street. This improves sight lines through the bend and at the intersection while maintaining safe and efficient two-way travel.
11. The Ward Councillor, Barrie Police Service, Barrie Fire and Emergency Service and Municipal Law Enforcement staff do not oppose the recommended motion.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

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

ALTERNATIVES

13. There is one (1) alternative available for consideration by General Committee:

Alternative 1 General Committee could decide to remove the current “No Parking Anytime” restriction along the west side of Quance Street from Mapleton Avenue southerly to the bend, while maintaining the existing “No Parking Anytime” restrictions through the bend along the east side of Quance Street.

This alternative is not recommended as the current parking prohibitions were implemented to improve the operation and safety of the roadway by prohibiting vehicles from parking within the bend and within close proximity of the intersection of Mapleton Avenue and Quance Street. This improves sight lines through the bend and at the intersection and maintains safe and efficient two-way travel of the roadway.

FINANCIAL

14. There are no costs associated with the proposed motion.

LINKAGE TO 2014-2018 STRATEGIC PLAN

15. The recommendations included in this Staff Report are specifically related to goals identified in the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan:
- a) Improved Drive Safety
16. The proposed recommendations will ensure the safe and efficient operation of the street.

APPENDIX "A"

