
TO:	GENERAL COMMITTEE
SUBJECT:	SYDENHAM WELLS PARKING INVESTIGATION
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RECOMMENDED MOTION

1. That Traffic By-law 80-138, Schedule 'A', "No Parking Anytime" be amended by deleting the following:

"Sydenham Wells

West and South side from Tunbridge Road to the easterly limit."

And by adding the following:

"Sydenham Wells

West side from Cheltenham Road to a point 60 metres east of Epsom Road."

"Sydenham Wells

South side from Tunbridge Road to a point 110 metres east of Epsom Road."

PURPOSE & BACKGROUND

2. Sydenham Wells is a two (2) lane local roadway with a pavement width of 8.5 metres and a sidewalk on the south and east side, and has a daily traffic volumes of approximately 500 vehicles per day. Please refer to Appendix "A".
3. Currently, parking is prohibited along the South and West side from Tunbridge Road to Epsom Road, please refer to Appendix "A". 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

4. A Parking Questionnaire was prepared and mailed to one hundred and eighty seven (187) property owners along Sydenham Wells to select a preferred option. Fifteen (15) responses were received and the results of the questionnaire are as follows:

SYDENHAM WELLS ON-STREET PARKING SURVEY	RESPONSES RECEIVED IN FAVOUR	PERCENTAGE OF RESPONSES
Option "A" – Leave the current parking in place on both sides of Sydenham Wells between Epsom Road and Cheltenham Road.	7	47%
Option "B" – Implement No Parking Anytime along the following portions of Sydenham Wells: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. North and West side from Cheltenham Road to a point 60 metres east of Epsom Road; 2. South and East side from Epsom Road to a point 110 metres east thereof. 	8	53%
<u>Total (Out of 187)</u>	15	8%

5. Residents expressed concerns regarding vehicles parking along both sides of Sydenham Wells impeding the operation and safety of the roadway and obstructing residential driveways.
6. Staff reviewed the collision history along Sydenham Wells and found sixteen (16) collisions since it has been opened, ten (10) of these collisions were related to vehicles colliding with parked vehicles. This is related to a high concentration of vehicles parking on both sides of the roadway reducing the travel width of the roadway, and obstructing ingress and egress of residential driveways.
7. Staff reviewed the existing driveway spacing, roadway geometry, and existing parking restrictions to try and maximize the available on-street parking while ensuring safe and efficient two-way travel, as well as ingress and egress to residential driveways. As a result, it was determined the East side of Sydenham Wells between Cheltenham Road and Epsom Road would maximize the available on-street parking, as there are less residential driveways which permits parking adjacent to the unobstructed blocked face and does not negatively impede the operation and safety of the roadway.
8. As a result of both residential feedback and staffs review to ensure the safe and efficient operation of the street, staff recommend that Traffic By-law 80-138, Schedule 'A', "No Parking Anytime" be amended by deleting the following:

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9. The recommended parking prohibition will permit vehicles to park adjacent to the existing sidewalk to safely load/unload vehicles.
10. The recommended motion will also be consistent with the existing parking prohibition along Sydenham Wells between Tunbridge Road and Epsom Road, which currently prohibits parking along one side of the roadway.
11. The recommended motion will also prevent vehicles from parking through the corner of the roadway and impeding sight lines which negatively impacts the operation and safety of the roadway.
12. The Ward Councillor, 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 maintain the current parking on Sydenham Wells between Cheltenham Road and Epsom Road.

This alternative is not recommended as the current parking situation has a history of motorists colliding with parked vehicles, and impedes the operation and safety of the roadway.

Alternative 2 General Committee could decide to implement "No Parking Anytime" on the North and West side entirely along Sydenham Wells between Cheltenham Road and Epsom Road.

This alternative is not recommended since the proposed parking restrictions prevents vehicles from parking through the corner of the roadway and impeding sight lines which negatively impacts the operation and safety of the roadway. The proposed parking restrictions also maximized the available on-street parking along the east side of the roadway as it has less residential driveways which permits larger unobstructed blocked face.

FINANCIAL

15. The cost of implementing the proposed parking regulations is approximately \$500 which can be accommodated in the 2018 Operating Budget.





LINKAGE TO 2014-2018 STRATEGIC PLAN

16. The recommendations included in this Staff Report are specifically related to goals identified in the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan:
 - a) Improved Drive Safety
17. The proposed recommendations will ensure the safe and efficient operation of the street by reducing on street parking congestion and providing clearer sight lines.

APPENDIX "A"

