

TO: GENERAL COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: PARKING PROHIBITION ON ALLIANCE BOULEVARD

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RECOMMENDED MOTION

1. That By-law 80-138, Schedule "A", "No Parking Any Time" be amended by adding the following:

"Alliance Boulevard (East End)	From Bell Farm Road to a point 205 metres north thereof	East Side"
"Alliance Boulevard (East End)	From a point 99 metres north of Bell Farm Road to a point 92 metres north thereof	West Side"

PURPOSE & BACKGROUND

2. On January 17, 2011, City Council adopted Motion 11-G-005 regarding Alliance Boulevard on-street parking which states:
- "That staff in the Engineering Department investigate the feasibility of implementing "No-parking" restrictions on both sides of Alliance Boulevard and report back to General Committee."
3. Alliance Boulevard is a two-lane local commercial roadway with a pavement width of 7.5 metres, gravel shoulders and ditches.
4. Currently, on-street parking is permitted on both sides of Alliance Boulevard. General provisions within By-law 80-138 permitted staff to install No Parking signs in a few locations along the east end of Alliance Boulevard to improve roadway operations around busy driveways. Refer to Appendix "A" for study area and location of No Parking signs installed.
5. Overnight on-street parking is prohibited from December 1st to March 31st, between 12:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. for the purpose of snow clearing.

ANALYSIS

6. A site visit by staff revealed vehicles parking on the east side of Alliance Boulevard at the east end of the roadway causes operational concerns for vehicles entering and exiting driveways.

Staff observed vehicles parked on the inside of the curve at the east end of Alliance Boulevard impacting the operation of heavy trucks accessing driveways.

7. Staff have received concerns regarding congestion due to vehicles parked on Alliance Boulevard and using the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board training facility, located at 80 Bell Farm Road. The parking lot at 80 Bell Farm Road is over capacity when training courses are being conducted.
8. A Parking Questionnaire was prepared and mailed to 33 property owners on Alliance Boulevard and Bell Farm Road. Results of the Parking Questionnaire responses are as follows:

ALLIANCE BOULEVARD ON-STREET PARKING SURVEY	RESPONSES RECEIVED	PERCENTAGE OF RESPONSES
Leave current parking regulations in place on both sides of Alliance Boulevard.	4	12%
Implement No Parking on the east and west side of Alliance Boulevard.	3	9%
TOTAL (Out of 33)	7	21%

9. Respondents expressed concerns about limited parking along Alliance Boulevard and surrounding areas and the need for on-street parking to allow for customer parking for local businesses. Most respondents agree with the current No Parking signs that were installed along the east end of Alliance Boulevard as they noticed improvements to the operation of the roadway.
10. The Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board has entered into a short term lease with the City of Barrie to use the parking lot of 79 Bell Farm Road to address overflow parking. This lease expires June 2011 and the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board is considering renewal of the lease.
11. Staff reviewed the potential for parking restrictions on both sides of Alliance Boulevard, but this was not recommended as there is limited parking on Alliance Boulevard and restricting parking on both sides could affect local businesses.
12. Staff recommend that By-law 80-138, Schedule "A", "No Parking Any Time" be amended by adding the following:

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13. This recommendation will improve the roadway operation of Alliance Boulevard for heavy truck and vehicle traffic in the vicinity of The Simcoe Muskoka District School Board building and still provide on-street parking opportunities for local businesses.

14. Barrie Police Service, Barrie Fire and Emergency Service and Municipal Law Enforcement do not oppose the recommended motion.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

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

ALTERNATIVES

16. The following alternatives are available for consideration by General Committee:

Alternative #1

General Committee could decide not to prohibit on-street parking as per the recommended motion on the east side of Alliance Boulevard.

This alternative is not recommended as vehicles currently parking on Alliance Boulevard cause operational concerns.

Alternative #2

General Committee could decide not to prohibit on-street parking as per the recommended motion on the west side of Alliance Boulevard.

This alternative is not recommended as vehicles currently parked on the west side of Alliance Boulevard cause operational concerns for heavy vehicle manoeuvring.

FINANCIAL

17. The installation of No-Parking Signs would cost approximately \$900 which can be accommodated in the 2011 Business Plan.

LINKAGE TO COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

18. 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"

