
TO: GENERAL COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: ON-STREET PARKING – BIG BAY POINT ROAD

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RECOMMENDED MOTION

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

<u>"Big Bay Point Road"</u>	From Huronia Road to a point 140 metres east there of
<u>"Big Bay Point Road"</u>	From Loon Avenue to a point 155 metres east of The Queensway

PURPOSE & BACKGROUND

2. Parking is currently permitted on both sides of Big Bay Point Road which is classified as a four lane arterial roadway under the City of Barrie's Transportation Study. Big Bay Point Road travels east/west and has an Average Daily Traffic (ADT) volume greater than 15,000 vehicles per day. It is also utilized in both directions by Barrie Transit. This section of Big Bay Point Road has over 200 detached single residential homes and several commercial establishments with driveways connected to Big Bay Point Road. See Appendix "A" for "No Parking Anytime" location.
3. The City has received several complaints from motorists regarding on-street parking along Big Bay Point Road, more specifically the impact these parked vehicles have on the safe and efficient operation of the roadway.
4. Currently, there is a "No Stopping" prohibition on both sides of Big Bay Point Road from Loon Avenue westerly to the railway crossing. As per the City of Barrie "Overnight Parking By-law" parking is not permitted on Big Bay Point Rd from 12:01am - 7:00 am, December 1st to March 31st for the purpose of winter maintenance.

ANALYSIS

5. Staff observations showed when vehicles are parked on Big Bay Point Road, motorists are forced to weave around the parked vehicles resulting in minor delays and safety issues for all of the vehicles. On-street parking along Big Bay Point Road essentially reduces the roadway capacity from four (4) lanes down to two (2). As the ADT volume along Big Bay Point Road continues to increase, it is essential that the full capacity of the roadway be utilized.

6. Based on the fact that on-street parking along this portion of Big Bay Point Road has a negative impact on the safe and efficient operation of the roadway, staff suggest that parking be prohibited on both sides of Big Bay Point Road from Huronia Road to the railway tracks 126 metres to the east, and from Loon Avenue to a point 212 metres east of The Queensway.
7. An information letter was prepared and delivered on February 12, 2016 to the 216 affected residents on Big Bay Point Road, allowing them the opportunity to respond with any comments or concerns. Of the 216 letters delivered, staff received 41 responses with 38 opposed and 3 in favour of the proposed change. See Appendix "B" for a copy of the letter.
8. The following general comments were recorded from the 38 opposed residents:
 - Residents need on-street parking to maintain a level of safety for residents to enter and exit their driveway and for pedestrians to cross the street;
 - On-street parking prevents snow from entering their driveway after snow ploughs pass by when removing snow from the roads;
 - If it snows residents cannot get into their driveway and need on-street parking;
 - Residents are concerned that with the removal of on-street parking the speed of vehicles along Big Bay Point Road will increase;
 - On-street parking provides additional parking spaces for visitors.
9. In addition to the information letter and responses, Councillor Morales and a Traffic staff member conducted a door-to-door survey of the twenty-nine Ward 8 residential properties along the south side of Big Bay Point Road between Loon Avenue and Ashford Drive. Of the twenty-nine properties surveyed twenty-eight were in favour of the recommend parking prohibition.
10. In an effort to address the concern of increased speed along Big Bay Point Road, staff will request regular and timely enforcement from Barrie Police Services following the implementation of the parking prohibition.
11. It is the position of staff that on-street parking creates sight line restrictions and hinders egress to the roadway from the driveway. Parked vehicles also limit the motorist's visibility of any pedestrian that may be by the edge of the roadway. For those residents which rely on on-street parking, they are encouraged to park on the adjacent side streets as an alternative to parking on Big Bay Point Road.
12. The proposed parking prohibition has been implemented on other similar four lane roadways such as Livingstone Street and Ardagh Road.
13. To ensure the safe and efficient operation of the roadway and to maintain its primary function as an arterial roadway designated to move larger volumes of traffic with minimum delays, staff recommend that Traffic By-law 80-138, Schedule "A", "No Parking Anytime" be amended by adding the following:

<u>"Big Bay Point Road"</u>	From Huronia Road to a point 140 metres east there of
<u>"Big Bay Point Road"</u>	From Loon Avenue to a point 155 metres east of The Queensway

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

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

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

ALTERNATIVES

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

Alternative 1 General Committee could decide to implement “No Parking, 7AM – 6PM, Monday - Friday” on Big Bay Point Road from Huronia Road to a point 126 metres east, and from Loon Avenue to a point 155 metres east of The Queensway.

This alternative is not recommended as on-street parking increases traffic delays, poses a safety hazard and raises concerns of consistency with our Traffic By-law.

Alternative 2 Leave it as is.

This alternative is not recommended. Allowing on-street parking to remain on Big Bay Point Road will reduce the roadway’s capacity from four (4) lanes down to two (2). As the ADT volume along Big Bay Point Road continues to increase, on- street parking will further reduce the roadway’s capacity, increase traffic delays, and pose a safety hazard.

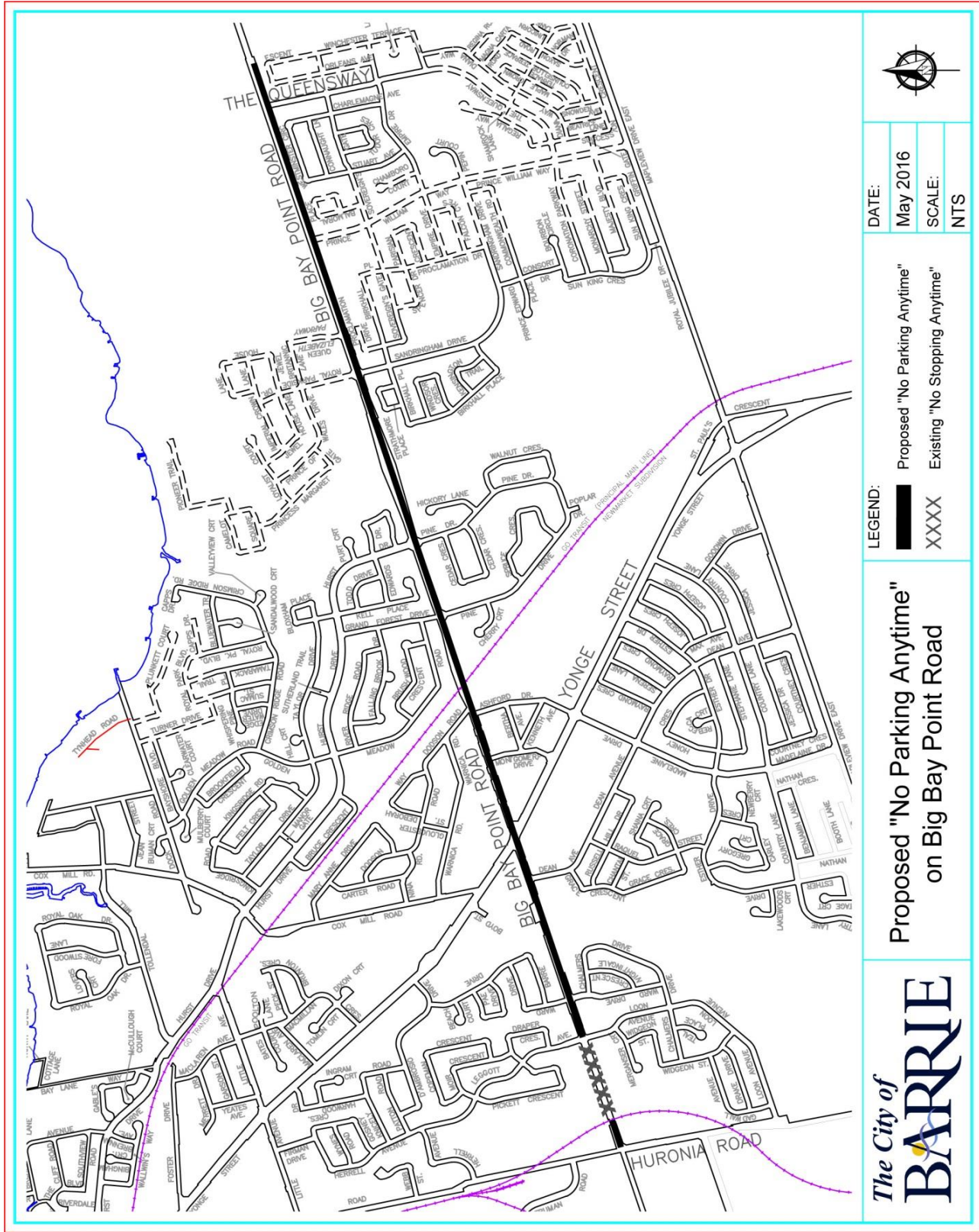
FINANCIAL

17. The cost of implementing the proposed parking regulations is approximately \$25,000 which can be accommodated in the 2017 Business Plan.

LINKAGE TO COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

18. The recommendations included in this Staff Report are specifically related to goals identified in the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan:
- a) Improved Road Safety
19. The proposed recommendations will ensure the safe and efficient operation of the arterial roadway.

APPENDIX "A"



APPENDIX "B"

Feb 12, 2016

TO: The Residents of Big Bay Point Road

Dear Sir/Madam:

RE: On-Street Parking – Big Bay Point Road

The City of Barrie is reviewing the existing parking regulations on Big Bay Point Road from Huronia Road to a point 175 metres east of The Queensway.

At the present time parking is permitted on both sides of Big Bay Point Road which is classified as an arterial roadway under the City of Barrie's Transportation Study. This section of Big Bay Point Road has a daily traffic volume greater than 15,000 vehicles.

Concerns by City Staff and motorists have arisen due to the impact these parked vehicles have on the safe and efficient operation of the roadway. Currently, when vehicles are parked on Big Bay Point Road, motorists are forced to weave around these vehicles resulting safety issues and minor delays. On-street parking can also create safety concerns for residents entering and exiting their driveways. With the volume of traffic along Big Bay Point Road increasing it is essential that the full capacity of the roadway is utilized.

Based on the fact that on-street parking along this portion of Big Bay Point Road has a negative impact on the safe and efficient operation of the roadway Staff will be preparing a report for City Councils review recommending that parking be prohibited on both sides of Big Bay Point Road from Huronia Road to a point 175 metres east of The Queensway.

Should you have any comments or concerns with regard to the above matter please contact myself at 739-4220 Ext. 4876 or via email at tom.koziarski@barrie.ca on or before February 29, 2016.

Yours truly,



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