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**TO:** GENERAL COMMITTEE

**SUBJECT:** ALBERT STREET NO PARKING

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**RECOMMENDED MOTION**

1. That Traffic By-Law 2020-107, Schedule '2', "No Parking in Specified Places Where Signs on Display at Stated Times" be amended by removing the following:

<u>"Albert Street from Amelia Street to Codrington Street"</u>	Both Sides	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and Statutory Holidays"
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2. That Traffic By-Law 2020-107, Schedule '1', "No Parking Anytime" be amended by adding the following:

<u>Albert Street</u>	West side from Eugenia Street to Amelia Street
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3. That Traffic By-Law 2020-107, Schedule '2', No Parking in Specified Places Where Signs on Display at Stated Times" be amended by adding the following:

<u>"Albert Street from Codrington Street to Eugenia Street"</u>	Both Sides	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and Statutory Holidays"
<u>"Albert Street from Eugenia Street to a point 75m south thereof"</u>	East Side	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and Statutory Holidays"

**PURPOSE & BACKGROUND**

4. The plan is to install a new sidewalk on Albert Street, from Amelia Street to Eugenia Street. Design options were reviewed which included consideration for roadside safety, grading, and utility impacts. The preferred location for a sidewalk is on the west side of Albert Street.
5. Due to grading challenges and vegetation removal impacts, the construction requires narrowing

the traveled portion of the roadway by 0.5 metres, from 8.0 metres to 7.5 metres, which will allow space for a 1.8-metre-wide sidewalk adjacent to the curb.

6. Currently, there is 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Statutory Holidays parking restrictions implemented on both sides of Albert Street from Codrington Street to Amelia Street. There is a No Parking Anytime Corner Restriction (per Traffic By-Law Section 4.2.6) installed on the east side of Albert Street and the north side of Amelia Street, as well on both sides of Albert Street approximately 10 metres south of Eugenia Street. These No Parking Anytime restrictions were installed under the Traffic By-law's general provisions. Outside of these restrictions, parking is permitted in the area. Overnight on-street parking is prohibited December 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> between 12:01 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. for winter maintenance activities.
7. Due to narrowing the roadway, staff recommend implementing "No Parking Anytime" on the west side of Albert Street and maintaining all other existing parking restrictions. This recommendation will maintain adequate lane widths to ensure safe traffic operations for all road users and allow for parking in places and times where it is safe to do so.
8. City staff conducted a neighbourhood information session on Thursday, September 14, 2023, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm to present the reconstruction plans for the neighbourhood and solicit feedback from local residents on the overall project.
9. Attendees were generally in favour of the project and adding sidewalks where sidewalks were missing. A few residents on Theresa Street were not in favour of adding sidewalks to Theresa Street.
10. Residents noted that vegetation is very important and needs to be protected wherever possible.
11. Concerns presented were generally related to tree removals to facilitate the work.
12. Implementing "No Parking Anytime" on the east side of Albert Street between Eugenia Street and Amelia Street will increase safety for all road users and ensure emergency and maintenance vehicle passage.
13. Construction is part of the Wellington D1 Neighbourhood project which is anticipated to commence later in 2024 and continue through 2026.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT MATTERS**

14. There are no environmental and climate change impact matters related to the recommendation.

#### **ALTERNATIVES**

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

**Alternative #1**

General Committee could choose not to amend the existing Traffic By-Law 2020-107 Schedule '2', "No Parking in Specified Places Where Signs on Display at Stated Times" and Schedule '1' "No Parking Anytime". (No changes)

This alternative is not recommended as implementing the sidewalk with an 8.0 metre roadway would result in significant impacts to vegetation on the west side. Adjusting Albert Street width to 7.5 metres and shifting the road slightly to the east will allow for the sidewalk to be installed with minimal vegetation impacts but will require parking restrictions.

**Alternative #2**

General Committee could direct staff to not install a sidewalk on Albert Street from Codrington Street to Amelia Street.

Although this alternative is available, it is not recommended as it doesn't conform to the 2019 Transportation Master Plan recommendations and leaves the street without dedicated pedestrian connections.

**FINANCIAL**

16. The cost associated with the installation of "No Parking Anytime" signs is approximately \$2,500 and can be accommodated in the Project Capital Construction Budget.

**LINKAGE TO 2022-2026 STRATEGIC PLAN**

17. The recommendation(s) included in this Staff Report support the following goals identified in the 2022-2026 Strategic Plan:
- Community Safety
  - Thriving Communities
  - Infrastructure Investments
18. The recommendation of amending the Traffic By-law Schedule '2', "No Parking in Specified Places Where Signs on Display at Stated Times and Schedule '1', "No Parking Anytime" will improve safety for motorists and pedestrians along the narrower section of Albert Street between Eugenia Street and Amelia Street. This prioritizes Council's goals of Community Safety, Thriving Community, and Infrastructure Investments.

APPENDIX "A"

Albert Street No Parking Anytime Restrictions Area Map



Albert Street Proposed No Parking Anytime

SCALE: NTS  
DATE: APRIL 2024

