



TO: GENERAL COMMITTEE


SUBJECT: TAXI PARKING FRED GRANT STREET

WARD: WARD 2

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RECOMMENDED MOTION

1. That Traffic By-law 80-138 Schedule "E" "Taxicab Stands" be amended:

By adding the following:

"Fred Grant Street- Southerly Side	Dunlop Street to Dunlop Street	12:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m. Seven (7) days a week."
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PURPOSE & BACKGROUND

2. On June 13, 2013, City Council adopted Motion 13-G-164 regarding the possible implementation of additional taxi stands on Owen Street.

"That staff in the Engineering Department investigate the feasibility of implementing taxi stand parking on Owen Street, south of Collier Street between 12 midnight and 4:00 a.m., and report back to General Committee"

3. Taxi stands are currently in place on the north side of Dunlop Street between Mary Street and Mulcaster Street from 12:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m. Seven (7) days a week Please refer to Appendix "A"

ANALYSIS

4. The purpose of this Staff Report is to address the feasibility of providing additional taxi-cab stands on Owen Street south of Collier Street. The proposed recommendation is to implement taxi stands on the southerly side of Fred Grant Street as it will reduce the operational impacts on the roadway and increase pedestrian safety compared to Owen Street.

5. A Parking Questionnaire was prepared and mailed to property owners and tenants on Dunlop Street between Mulcaster Street and Bayfield Street. Results of the Questionnaire are as follows:

PROHIBITED PARKING SURVEY	RESPONSES RECEIVED	PERCENTAGE OF RESPONSES
Option A – Maintain the current parking restrictions and only permit taxi cab parking on the north side of Dunlop Street from Mary Street to Mulcaster Street from 12:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m.	1	20%
Option B – In addition to the Dunlop Street taxi-cab parking, implement taxi-cab parking on Fred Grant Street on the southerly side from 12:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m. nightly	3	60%
Option C – Only permit taxi cab parking on Fred Grant Street on the southerly side from 12:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m. nightly	1	20%

6. The property owners and tenants are in favour of implementing taxi-cab stands on the southerly portion of Fred Grant Street. Staff also spoke with Craig Stevens of the BIA and he was in favour of Fred Grant Street.
7. Staff reviewed the possibility of implementing taxi-cab stands on Owen Street however Fred Grant Street provides a safer location with respect to taxi-cab queuing, resulting in reduced operational impacts on the roadway and increased pedestrian safety. Please refer to Appendix "A" regarding the proposed Taxi-cab stand.
8. Staff recommend that Traffic By-law 80-138 Schedule "E" "Taxicab Stands" be amended:

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9. Staff have been in contact with the Taxi Cab Working Group which represents the Taxi industry within Barrie and they are fully supportive of the installation of additional taxi-cab stands on the southerly portion of Fred Grant Street.
10. Barrie Police Service and Barrie Fire & Emergency Service do not oppose staff's recommendation.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

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

ALTERNATIVES – UPDATE ALTERNATIVES

12. There are two alternatives available for consideration by General Committee:

Alternative #1

General Committee could decide to implement Taxi-cab Stand parking on Owen Street.

This alternative is not recommended as Fred Grant Street provides a better location with respect taxi-cab queuing, resulting in reduced operational impacts on the roadway and increased pedestrian safety.

Alternative #2

General Committee could decide to not implement Taxi-cab Stand parking on Fred Grant Street.

This alternative is not recommended as providing additional taxi-cab stands within the downtown core potentially reduces the loitering of bar patrons at closing.

FINANCIAL

13. The cost of implementing the proposed Taxi-cab stands on Fred Grant Street is approximately \$1,000, which can be accommodated within the 2014 Operating Budget.

LINKAGE TO COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

14. 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:

