
TO: GENERAL COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: HAWKINS DRIVE 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:

Hawkins Drive

Both sides from the northerly intersection of Stoneybrook Crescent northerly to Summerset Drive."

And by adding the following

Hawkins Drive

West side from Summerset Drive to a point 117 south thereof."

2. That Traffic By-law 80-138, Schedule 'D', "Stopping Prohibited" be amended by adding the following:

Hawkins Drive

East side from the northern intersection of Stoneybrook Crescent to Summerset Drive."

PURPOSE & BACKGROUND

3. Staff received concerns from both area residents and the Ward Councillor regarding the need to review the current parking situation along Hawkins Drive in the vicinity of St. Catherine of Siena School.
4. Hawkins Drive is a two (2) lane local roadway with a pavement width of 11.0 metres along the frontage of the St. Catherine of Siena Elementary School with a sidewalk on the west side, and has daily traffic volumes of approximately 2,000 vehicles per day. Please refer to Appendix "A".

5. Parking is prohibited along both sides of Hawkins Drive between Summerset Drive and the northerly intersection of Stoneybrook Crescent and also within 30 metres of the intersection of Summerset Drive and Hawkins Drive, this is to ensure the safe and efficient operation of the roadway.
6. Summerset Drive is a two (2) lane collector roadway with a pavement width of 11.0 metres with sidewalks on both sides of the roadway, and a traffic volume of approximately 2,000 vehicles per day. Please refer to Appendix "A".
7. 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

8. A comment sheet was prepared and mailed to twenty four (24) property owners along Hawkins Drive to provide their views of the current parking situation during school arrivals and departures. Staff received two (2) responses and both expressed concerns regarding congestion.
9. Staff conducted field observations on Hawkins Drive near St. Catherine of Siena Elementary School and noted vehicles queuing in the Kiss "n" Ride prior to dismissal posed operational concerns as the queued vehicles prevented parents/guardians from entering the Kiss "n" Ride.
10. Staff noted unattended vehicles in the queue of the Kiss "n" Ride which disrupted the traffic flow and forced vehicles to double stack preventing pedestrians from loading/unloading safely adjacent to the sidewalk.
11. On Monday March 5th, 2018 staff attended the parent council meeting at St. Catherine of Siena Elementary School and presented ideas to maximize the use of the current Kiss "n" Ride and identify areas which could be improved internal to the school property.
12. Some of the concerns raised during the parent council meeting were:
 - a) The need to permit additional parking for kindergarten classes as parents/guardians must enter the school to sign out students;
 - b) Congestion in the Kiss "n" Ride due to vehicles arriving early and waiting for dismissal; and
 - c) Vehicles parking on both sides of Hawkins Drive impeding traffic flow and preventing two-way travel;
13. Staff collaborated with members of the parent council and school principal to determine some solutions to the above noted concerns which are:
 - a) Increase staff/volunteer present during arrivals/departures;
 - b) Establish a time frame parents/guardians must follow to prevent vehicles from arriving too early and obstructing the Kiss "n" Ride;
 - c) Designate drop off/pick up locations in the designated Kiss "n" Ride to ensure efficient operations;
 - d) Do not permit parking/unattended vehicles in the Kiss "n" Ride;
 - e) Ensure drop off/pick up is only conducted adjacent to the sidewalk; and

- f) The principal indicated a committee will be formed to review the operation of the Kiss “n” Ride and determine solutions to improve the efficiency and safety and will present these recommendations to city staff for comment.
14. It was noted that vehicles were permitted to park along Summerset Drive in the vicinity of St. Catherine of Siena Elementary School. This provides alternative parking for parents/guardians to park adjacent to the sidewalk, and school frontage without impeding the operation of the roadway.
15. Staff observed vehicles parking and obstructing the school cross walk which impedes pedestrian’s ability to cross the roadway unobstructed and reduces the sight lines for motorists and pedestrians creating operational and safety concerns.
16. Based on feedback from various stake holders of St. Catherine of Siena Elementary School and the Ward Councillor, staff recommends that Traffic By-law 80-138, Schedule A, “No Parking Anytime” be amended:

By deleting the following:

“Hawkins Drive

Both sides from the northerly intersection of Stoneybrook Crescent northerly to Summerset Drive”

And add the following

“Hawkins Drive

West side from Summerset Drive to a point 117 south thereof.”

17. This proposed parking amendment will permit additional on-street parking for parents/guardians of St. Catherine of Sienna Elementary School to actively park for short duration adjacent to the school property and sidewalk. This permits parents/guardians to actively enter the school to sign out kindergarten classes without negatively impacting the Kiss “n” Ride. Currently, parents/guardians leave their cars unattended in the Kiss “n” Ride impeding the traffic flow, or leave their cars unattended along Hawkins Drive in the current “No Parking Anytime” zone which obstructs the operation and safety of the roadway.
18. Based on feedback from various stake holders of St. Catherine of Siena Elementary School and the Ward Councillor staff recommend that Traffic By-law 80-138, Schedule “D”, “Stopping Prohibited” be amended:

By adding the following:

“Hawkins Drive

East side Summerset Drive to the northern intersection of Stoneybrook Crescent.”

19. The proposed stopping prohibition along the east of Hawkins Drive is recommended to prevent parents/guardians from stopping opposite St. Catherine of Siena Elementary School and allowing pedestrians to cross between parked cars. This will also ensure motorists do not obstruct the residential driveways along the east side of the roadway and provide safe and efficient ingress/egress for area residents.
20. Staff will be prohibiting parking within 30 metres either side of the school cross walk along the west side of Hawkins Drive, this is in accordance to a general provision within Traffic By-law 80-138. This will prevent vehicles from parking within the school cross walk and impeding pedestrian safety and sight lines.
21. The recommended changes to the current parking regulations along Hawkins Drive, and the proposed changes to the internal circulation and operation of Kiss "n" Ride will reduce congestion along Hawkins Drive and improve the operation and safety of both the roadway and the internal circulation of St. Catherine of Siena Elementary School.
22. Barrie Police Service, Barrie Fire and Emergency Service and Municipal Law Enforcement staff do not oppose the recommended motion.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

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

ALTERNATIVES

24. There are three (3) alternatives available for consideration by General Committee:

Alternative 1

General Committee could decide to maintain the current parking prohibitions on both sides of Hawkins Drive between Summerset Drive and the northern intersection of Stoneybrook Crescent.

This alternative is not recommended as overflow vehicles from St. Catherine of Siena Elementary School utilize Hawkins Drive during drop off and pick up creating operational and safety concerns. As well as the current parking prohibition does not provide an alternative for parents/guardians of the school to park for short duration on-street to access the school.

Alternative 2

General Committee could decide not to implement the "No Stopping" along the east side of Hawkins Drive between Summerset Drive and the northern intersection of Stoneybrook Crescent.

This alternative is not recommended as currently vehicles are stopping opposite the school frontage and pedestrians are crossing between parked vehicles which poses both operational and safety concerns.

Alternative 3

General Committee could decide not to implement "No Stopping" within 30 metres of the school crosswalk along the west side of the roadway.

This alternative is not recommended as vehicles are currently parking directly within the school crosswalk which impedes the visibility of pedestrians actively using the crossing creating operational and safety concerns.

FINANCIAL

25. The cost of implementing the proposed parking regulations is approximately \$1,500 which can be accommodated in the 2018 Business.

LINKAGE TO 2014-2018 STRATEGIC PLAN

26. The recommendations included in this Staff Report are specifically related to goals identified in the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan:
- a) Improved Drive Safety
27. The proposed recommendations will ensure the safe and efficient operation of the street as the changes look to minimize the congestion of the roadway and internal circulation to the school property.

APPENDIX "A"

