



TO: GENERAL COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: OVERNIGHT PARKING BY-LAW TO EXEMPT PARKING CHRISTMAS DAY, BOXING DAY AND NEW YEAR'S DAY

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RECOMMENDED MOTION

1. That By-law 2007-209 a By-law to prohibit overnight parking between November 1st of one year to March 31st of the following year be amended by adding the following sections:
 - a) "4(5) Notwithstanding Section 4(2), parking of a motor vehicle shall be permitted on any highway between the hours of 12:01 a.m. (midnight) to 7:00 a.m. on:
 - i) December 25th (Christmas Day) of each year;
 - ii) December 26th (Boxing Day) of each year; and
 - iii) January 1st (New Year's Day) of each year."

"4(6) Should a winter maintenance event been declared, Section 4(5) shall not apply and all provisions set out in Sections 4(1) and 4(2) shall remain in effect."
 - b) "5(6) Notwithstanding Section 5(3), parking of a motor vehicle shall be permitted within the Downtown Business Improvement Area as defined in Schedule "A" to this By-law, on any highway between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on:
 - i) December 25th (Christmas Day) of each year;
 - ii) December 26th (Boxing Day) of each year; and
 - iii) January 1st (New Year's Day) of each year."

"5(7) should a winter maintenance event been declared, Section 5(6) shall not apply and all provisions set out in Section 5(3) shall remain in effect."

PURPOSE & BACKGROUND

2. The purpose of this Staff Report is to permanently address Council's most recent direction to lift overnight parking restrictions specifically for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve.

ANALYSIS

3. In 2016 and 2017, staff were directed by Council resolution not to enforce By-law 2007-209 on December 25th (Christmas morning), December 26th (Boxing Day morning) and January 1st (New Year's morning) providing that the weather forecast was suitable to do so.
4. Staff have reviewed records for both the 2016 and 2017 seasons and found that no concerns were raised when on-street parking was permitted during that time.
5. The Christmas Season is known to be a time in which friends and family are gathering together to celebrate. Staff believe that the proposed amendments will address those concerns raised by the community as the current by-law prevents any vehicles from remaining parked as of 12:01 am (midnight). The proposed amendments will allow for residents to have visitors without requiring them to make alternate parking arrangements.
6. Under the proposed amendments, the Director of Roads, Parks and Fleet would continue to have the ability to declare a "winter maintenance event" should the weather forecast not be favorable. Such declaration would remove any parking provisions set out in the by-law and once again strictly prohibit the parking of a motor vehicle on any highway.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

7. There are no environmental matters related to the recommendations.

ALTERNATIVES

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

Alternative #1 General Committee could amend the proposed recommendations to add further dates in which on-street parking between December 1st and March 31st shall be permitted.

Although this alternative is available, the addition of further dates is not recommended as it could hinder the continued road maintenance and potentially pose a risk to the motorists if staff are not able to clear the roads within the required standards in addition to potentially causing confusion for members of the public. . .

Alternative #2 General Committee could chose not to amend the by-law.

Although this alternative is available, it would not address the concerns of the community and Council.

FINANCIAL

9. There are no direct financial implications resulting from the recommended motion.

LINKAGE TO 2014-2018 COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN

10. The recommendations included in this Staff Report are not specifically related to the goals contained in 2014-2018 Strategic Plan.