

TO: GENERAL COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: PARKING PROHIBITION ON DUNSMORE LANE

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RECOMMENDED MOTION

1. That no additional parking restrictions be implemented on Dunsmore Lane.

PURPOSE & BACKGROUND

2. On August 30, 2010, City Council adopted Motion 10-G-329 regarding Dunsmore Lane on-street parking which states:

"That staff in the Engineering Department investigate the feasibility of implementing parking restrictions on Dunsmore Lane, west of Johnson Street and report back to General Committee."

3. Dunsmore Lane is a two-lane local roadway with a pavement width of 8.5 metres.
4. On-street parking is prohibited on the northerly portion of Dunsmore Lane on the north and west side from Johnson Street to a point 452 metres west thereof, and on the southerly portion of Dunsmore Lane on the east and north side from Johnson Street to a point 400 metres west thereof. Refer to Appendix "A".
5. On-street parking is prohibited from November 1 to April 15, between 12:00 midnight and 7:00 a.m. for the purpose of snow clearing.

ANALYSIS

6. A site visit by City staff revealed a high concentration of vehicles parked on Dunsmore Lane in front of the undeveloped field on the south west corner. Although there is a high concentration of vehicles parking on-street it does not pose any negative operational concerns as traffic volumes are low.
7. A Comment Sheet was prepared and mailed to 102 property owners on Dunsmore Lane. Results of the Comment Sheet responses are as follows:

DUNSMORE LANE ON-STREET PARKING SURVEY	RESPONSES RECEIVED	PERCENTAGE OF RESPONSES
Leave current parking regulations in place on both sides of Dunsmore Lane.	12	86%
Implement No Parking on the south side of Dunsmore Lane.	2	14%
TOTAL (Out of 102)	14	14%

8. Based on the survey results and staff review, it is recommended that no additional parking restrictions be implemented on Dunsmore Lane.
9. Staff found the majority of the parked vehicles are directly related to the construction that is ongoing at the Royal Victoria Hospital (RVH).
10. Staff contacted Vanbot Construction, the general contractor for the RVH construction, who have leased a vacant property providing additional temporary on-site parking on Quarry Ridge. Refer to Appendix "A".
11. The additional on-site parking is expected to accommodate current and future parking demands as RVH construction is expected to be completed in November 2011.
12. Staff recommend that parking on Dunsmore Lane be monitored once construction on RVH is complete to determine if the high concentration of on-street parking continues.
13. Barrie Police Service and Barrie Fire and Emergency Service do not oppose the recommended motion.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

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

ALTERNATIVES

15. The alternative available for consideration by General Committee:

Alternative #1 General Committee could prohibit on-street parking on Dunsmore Lane in the area of traffic congestion.

This alternative is not recommended as vehicles currently parking on Dunsmore Lane, where no houses exist, do not pose any negative operational concern and will likely relocate in front of existing residential houses.

FINANCIAL

16. There are no costs associated with the recommended motion.

LINKAGE TO COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

17. The 2010-2014 Council's Strategic Priorities have not been established as of the time of writing of this report.

APPENDIX "A"

