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**TO:** GENERAL COMMITTEE

**SUBJECT:** STEEL STREET AND RODNEY STREET PARKING INVESTIGATION

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**RECOMMENDED MOTION**

1. That Traffic By-law 80-138, Schedule 'A', "No Parking Any Time" be amended by adding the following:  

"Rodney Street East side between Steel Street and Strabane Avenue"

**PURPOSE & BACKGROUND**

2. Staff have received motion; 19-G-269 which states "that staff in the Operations Department investigate the feasibility of implementing parking prohibitions on both Steel Street and Rodney Street in the vicinity of Steele Street Public School and report back to the General Committee."
3. Rodney Street is a two (2) lane local roadway with a pavement width of 8.0 metres. There are sidewalks along both sides and residential driveways from Melrose Avenue to Strabane Avenue.
4. Currently, parking is permitted along Rodney Street between Steel Street and Strabane Avenue. Overnight on-street parking is prohibited from December 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>, between 12:01 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. for winter maintenance.
5. There is No Parking, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday on the north side of Steel Street and No Stopping, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday on the south side of Steel Street directly in front of Steele Street Public School.
6. Historically, Staff have received complaints with vehicles parking along both sides of Rodney Street, impeding free-flow traffic in the vicinity of Steele Street Public School as it has become an area for parents to drop off/pick up students.

**ANALYSIS**

7. Currently, Steel Street has existing No Parking/No Stopping restrictions directly in front of Steel Street Public School. These restrictions ensure the safe operation of the roadway for both motorists and pedestrians. As a result of these existing prohibitions Staff propose no changes to the parking situation on Steel Street as vehicles were observed complying with the No Parking/No Stopping restrictions.
8. Staff's observation of excessive on-street parking on Rodney Street required a Parking Survey to be prepared and mailed to thirty (30) property owners along Rodney Street, Steel Street, Melrose Avenue, and Strabane Avenue to select a preferred option to safely address the condition. Fifteen (15) responses were received and the results of the survey are as follows:

<b>RODNEY STREET ON-STREET PARKING SURVEY</b>	<b>RESPONSES RECEIVED IN FAVOUR</b>	<b>PERCENTAGE OF RESPONSES</b>
<b>Option "A"</b> – Maintain the current on-street parking along both sides on Rodney Street between Steel Street to Strabane Avenue.	4	27%
<b>Option "B"</b> – Implement "No Parking Anytime" along the east side of Rodney Street from Steel Street to Strabane Avenue.	11	73%
<b><u>Total (Out of 30)</u></b>	<b>15</b>	<b>50%</b>

9. Staff have completed field observations and reviewed responses from the parking survey. Respondents identified operational concerns with the travel width of Rodney Street when there are vehicles parked along both sides of the road. Additionally, there were comments that residents were not able to maneuver out of their driveways primarily with bell times of Steele Street Public School. It has been noted from staff during field observations in the a.m., and p.m. that both sides of the road were utilized by parked vehicles which impeded free-flow traffic on Rodney Street.
10. There have been two collisions in the past five years on this section of Rodney Street. One collision was directly correlated with parked vehicles on Rodney Street between Steel Street and Strabane Avenue. A vehicle travelling south on Rodney Street rear-ended a parked vehicle.
11. Based on feedback from area residents and staff observations it is recommended that Traffic By-law 80-138 Schedule "A", "No Parking Any Time" be amended by adding the following:  

"Rodney Street East side between Steel Street and Strabane Avenue"
12. The proposed "No Parking Any Time" along the east side of Rodney Street between Steel Street and Strabane Avenue is recommended to prevent vehicles from parking along both sides of the roadway which could potentially impede free-flow traffic and cause restrictions for residents accessing driveways. This parking restriction will maintain adequate road widths for emergency service vehicles to travel on.
13. Barrie Police Service, Barrie Fire and Emergency Service and Municipal Law Enforcement staff do not oppose the recommended motion.

**ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE MATTERS**

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

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## **ALTERNATIVES**

15. There is one (1) alternative available for consideration by General Committee:

**Alternative 1** General Committee could decide to maintain the current on-street parking on both sides of Rodney Street between Steel Street and Strabane Avenue.

This alternative is not recommended as vehicles currently park along both sides of the roadway impeding free-flow traffic and creates operational and safety concerns.

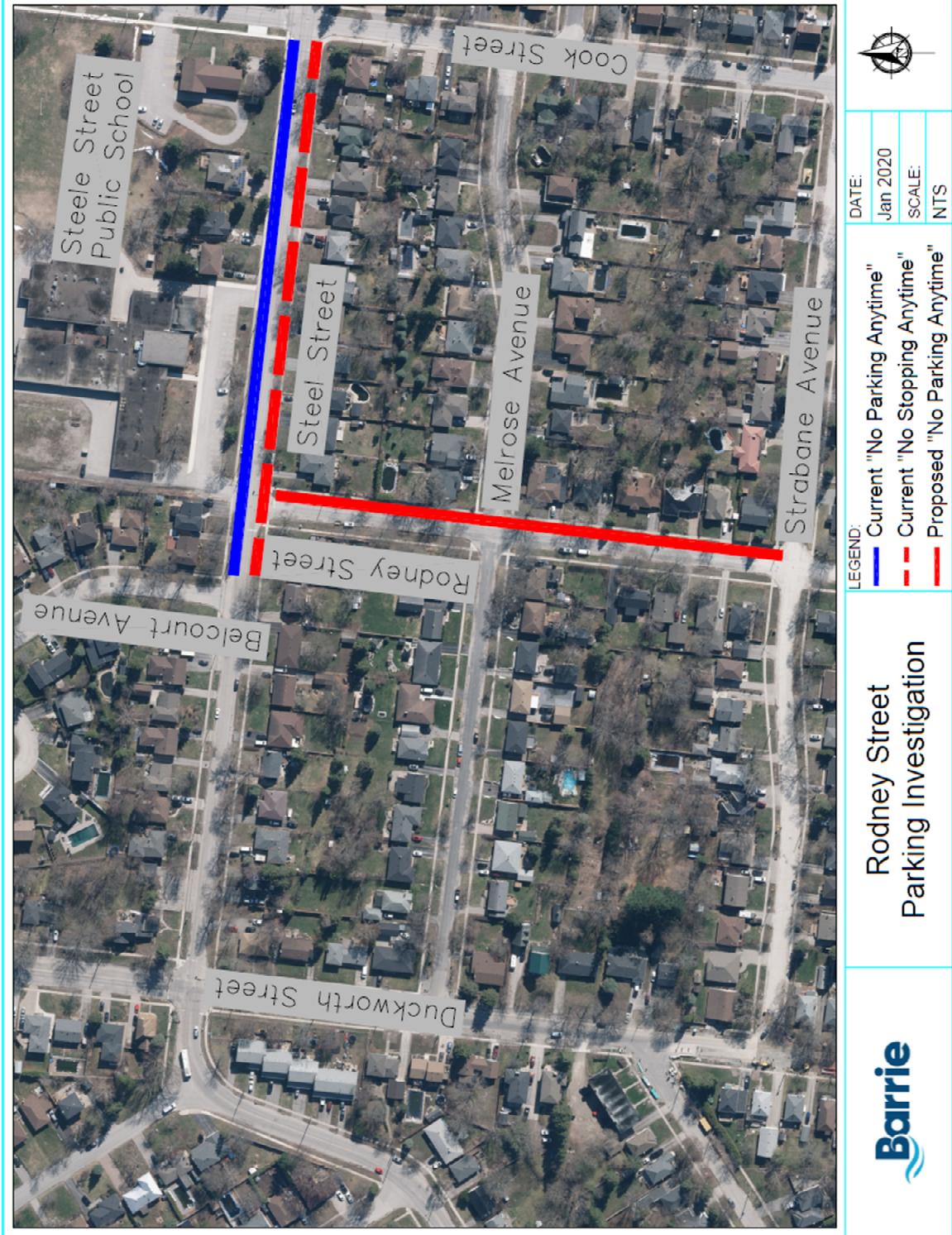
## **FINANCIAL**

16. The cost of implementing the proposed parking regulations is approximately \$800 which can be accommodated in the 2020 Operation budget.

## **LINKAGE TO 2018-2022 STRATEGIC PLAN**

17. The recommendation included in this Staff Report support the following goals identified in the 2018-2022 Strategic Plan:
- Improving the ability to get around Barrie.
18. The recommended motion of implementing “No Parking Any Time” along the east side of Rodney Street between Steele Street and Strabane Avenue will prevent vehicles parking along both sides of the road. The recommendation will maintain adequate lane widths to ensure emergency services vehicle can safely service the road and still maintain parking on one side of the roadway for the area.

**APPENDIX "A"**



DATE: Jan 2020  
 SCALE: NTS

LEGEND:  
 — Current "No Parking Anytime"  
 - - - Current "No Stopping Anytime"  
 — Proposed "No Parking Anytime"

Rodney Street  
 Parking Investigation

