
TO: GENERAL COMMITTEE

WARD: 7

SUBJECT: PARKING PROHIBITION ON BASSWOOD DRIVE

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RECOMMENDED MOTION

1. That parking not be restricted on Basswood Drive.

PURPOSE & BACKGROUND

2. On May 16, 2016, Council adopted Motion 16-G-125 regarding Basswood Drive on-street parking which states:

“That staff in the Roads, Parks and Fleet Department investigate the feasibility of prohibiting parking on the east side of Basswood Drive and report back to General Committee.”
3. Basswood Drive is a two-lane local roadway with a pavement width of 8.5 metres and a sidewalk on the west side, please refer to Appendix “A”.
4. On-street parking is currently permitted on both sides of Basswood Drive.
5. 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 snow clearing.

ANALYSIS

6. A site visit by City staff revealed typical parking volumes on a local residential roadway, which did not pose any operational or safety concerns. However, staff did note vehicles parking along the east side of the roadway through the bend which created an obstruction to the sight lines as motorists travel through the bend.

7. A Parking Questionnaire was prepared and mailed to 45 property owners on Basswood Drive. Results of the Questionnaire are as follows:

PROHIBITED PARKING SURVEY	RESPONSES RECEIVED	PERCENTAGE OF RESPONSES
Option A - Leave current parking regulations in place on Basswood Drive.	18	82%
Option B - Implement no parking anytime on the west side of Basswood Drive between Leslie Avenue and Leslie Avenue.	2	9%
Option C - Implement no parking anytime on the east side of Basswood Drive between Leslie Avenue and Leslie Avenue.	2	9%
TOTAL (45)	22	49%

8. Residents cited concerns regarding vehicles parking through the bend creating sight line obstructions as vehicles travel to and from southern leg Leslie Avenue and Basswood Drive.
9. Staff have the ability to prohibit parking within 15 metres of a radius on a roadway under the general provisions under Traffic By-law 80-138. Staff will be installing the provision to address both the residents' concerns and staff observations.
10. Barrie Police Services and Barrie Fire and Emergency Service do not oppose the recommended motion.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

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

ALTERNATIVES

12. The alternative available for consideration by General Committee:

Alternative #1 General Committee could prohibit on-street parking on Basswood Drive.

This alternative is not recommended as vehicles currently parking on-street do not pose any negative operational concern and Basswood Drive is a local residential roadway which requires on-street parking for area residents.

FINANCIAL

13. It would cost approximately \$300 for the no parking signs to be installed through the bend. This can be accommodated in the 2016 operating budget.

LINKAGE TO COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

14. The recommendation included in this Staff Report is related to well-planned transportation to improve roadway safety as identified in the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan.

Appendix A

