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**TO:** GENERAL COMMITTEE

**SUBJECT:** LETITIA STREET PARKING INVESTIGATION

**WARD:** 5

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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### **RECOMMENDED MOTION**

1. That Traffic By-law 80-138, Schedule 'D', "Stopping Prohibited" be amended:  

<u>Letitia Street</u>	South Side	From Anne Street North to Frost Trail	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, September 1 <sup>st</sup> to July 1 <sup>st</sup> , Excluding Statutory Holidays."
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2. That Traffic By-law 80-138, Schedule 'B', "No Parking in Specified Places Where Signs on Display at Stated Times" be amended:  

<u>Letitia Street</u>	North Side	From Anne Street North to Frost Trail	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, September 1 <sup>st</sup> to July 1 <sup>st</sup> , Excluding Statutory Holidays."
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### **PURPOSE & BACKGROUND**

3. Staff in the Roads, Parks, and Fleet Department received motion 19-G-098 regarding the investigation of implementing no parking/stopping restrictions on Letitia Street which states:  

"That staff in Roads, Parks, and Fleet Department investigate implementing no parking/stopping restrictions on both sides of Letitia Street behind Portage View Public School and report back to General Committee."
4. Staff received concerns from both area residents and the Ward Councillor regarding the need to review the current parking situation along Letitia Street as Portage View Public School's kiss and ride exits onto Letitia Street.
5. Letitia Street is a two (2) lane local roadway with a pavement width of 8.5 metres and a sidewalk along the north side which provides a pedestrian connection to the front entrance of Portage View Public School, and has daily traffic volumes of approximately 3000 vehicles per day. Please refer to Appendix "A".

6. Currently, parking is permitted along both sides of Letitia Street between Anne Street North and Frost Trail. 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 the purpose of winter maintenance.

**ANALYSIS**

7. A Parking Questionnaire was prepared and mailed to thirty nine (39) property owners along Letitia Street to select a preferred option. Six (6) responses were received and the results of the questionnaire are as follows:

LETITIA STREET ON-STREET PARKING SURVEY	RESPONSES RECEIVED IN FAVOUR	PERCENTAGE OF RESPONSES
<b>Option "A"</b> – Leave the current parking in place on both sides of Letitia Street.	1	17%
<b>Option "B"</b> – Implement "No Stopping on the south side and No Parking on the north side of Letitia Street, 8 am to 5 pm, Monday to Friday, September 1 to July 1, excluding Statutory Holidays"	5	83%
<b><u>Total (Out of 39)</u></b>	<b>6</b>	<b>15%</b>

8. Staff observations and comments from respondents identified the current parking situation poses operational and safety concerns along Letitia Street. Currently, pedestrians are crossing the roadway between parked vehicles to access the pedestrian walkway; vehicles are obstructing residential driveways; and parking on both sides of the roadway greatly impedes traffic flow.
9. Staff also conducted observations during drop off/pick up for Portage View Public School at Letitia Street and noted there currently is a Kiss and Ride which enters through Anne Street North and exits on Letitia Street. It was noted vehicles are dropping off students at Letitia Street to enter the school from the exit of the Kiss and Ride. Traffic congestion was noted for approximately an hour around arrival and dismissal times.
10. Staff have also observed parking along Letitia Street to pose an issue due to vehicles impeding within 1.5 metres of a private driveways as it can prevent ingress or egress.
11. Based on feedback from area residents and staff observations it is recommended that Traffic By-law 80-138 Schedule "D", "Stopping Prohibited" and Traffic By-law 80-138 Schedule "B", "No Parking in Specified Places Where Signs on Display at Stated Times" be amended by adding the following:

" <u>Letitia Street</u>	South Side	From Anne Street North to Frost Trail	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, September 1 <sup>st</sup> to July 1 <sup>st</sup> , Excluding Statutory Holidays."
" <u>Letitia Street</u>	North Side	From Anne Street North to Frost Trail	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, September 1 <sup>st</sup> to July 1 <sup>st</sup> , Excluding Statutory Holidays."

12. The proposed stopping and parking prohibition along the north and south side of Letitia Street is recommended to prevent parents/guardians from stopping opposite Portage View Public School having pedestrians crossing between parked cars. This will also ensure motorists do not obstruct the residential driveways along the both sides of the roadway and ensure safe and efficient travel width.
13. Barrie Police Service, Barrie Fire and Emergency Service and Municipal Law Enforcement staff do not oppose the recommended motion.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

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

### **ALTERNATIVES**

15. There are two (2) alternatives available for consideration by General Committee:

**Alternative 1** General Committee could decide to maintain the current parking on both sides of Letitia Street.

This alternative is not recommended as vehicles currently park along both sides of the roadway impeding the residential driveways and two-way travel. As well pedestrians are currently crossing the roadway between parked vehicles which poses operational and safety concerns.

**Alternative 2** General Committee could decide to implement the “No Stopping Anytime” along both sides of Letitia Street from Anne Street North and Frost Trail.

This alternative is not recommended as the current operational and safety concerns are directly related to drop off/pick times for Portage View Public School, and the recommended motion would still permit evenings and weekend parking for area residents without impeding the operation and safety of the roadway.

### **FINANCIAL**

16. The cost of implementing the proposed parking regulations is approximately \$1000 which can be accommodated in the 2019 Business Plan.

### **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:
  - a) Improving the ability to get around Barrie.
18. The recommended motion will prevent parents/guardians from stopping opposite Portage View Public School and having pedestrians crossing Letitia Street between parked cars. This will also ensure motorists do not obstruct the residential driveways along both sides of the roadway and ensure safe and efficient travel width.

**APPENDIX "A"**

