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Barrie Mayor Alex Nuttal

Barrie Councilor Clare Riepma

Re: Street Parking Recommendations Ward 1

There are several items that cause parking issues on streets:

- Rental Houses with numerous occupants in a single-family dwelling
- Secondary Suites in houses that once were single family housing
- Apartments and multiple units building where the occupants prefer to park on the street rather than in apartment parking because of preference, because of visitors with limited visitor parking, because they have multiple cars but only one parking spot.

There are probably other reasons depending on the area for example if it is close to an event and people park and walk but this is generally not ongoing.

Other issues that may soon become apparent with the new garbage pickup requirements may be access to containers if the trucks cannot get close to the containers with cars in the way or service personnel may need to park their service vehicle for a limited time frame.

Several suggestions have come forward for restricting parking:

- No parking on garbage pickup days on street just like no winter parking after a certain time.
- Parking on one side for example on the north side of every street
- Limited parking times such as 6-10 or 3 hours only and increase ticket costs as a deterrent.
- No parking on bus routes at all.
- No parking 3 bus lengths from a bus stop or bus turning onto a secondary street.
- Permit parking for home owners only but for a limited time frame such as a few days or hours or week.
- Limit the number of cars in a household on the lot, 6 or 7 cars in a single driveway is not appropriate. A two-car garage could have 4 cars if they do not spill onto the sidewalk or boulevard overhanging onto the bicycle lanes.
- Reevaluate houses with rental suites to decide if they can extend their parking by removing part of the lawn.
- No parking near street intersections that block view of corner.
- No parking on boulevards because they overhang onto bicycle lanes and impact winter snow removal both for sidewalks and roads.

There are many ideas but these should not result in costs to the city except in the initial set up. It would probably be a good idea to strike a parking committee to review the ideas evaluate the possibilities and obtain more input if needed. Rentals are increasing, when I move to Barrie 9 years ago there were no rentals below Grove Street but gradually, they have moved south and now are a main source of problems both for parking but also waste and noise.

I trust these ideas will begin a productive discussion with solutions that meet the needs of the residents of Ward 1 and they can be implemented in the near future. Attached are just two examples in Exhibit A of this occurring on only one part of Steel Street. These problems are prevalent in most rental areas north of Grove and if you need pictures of the areas we can look at providing additional photos if needed.

Yours Truly,

Donna Dellio, Ward 1 Resident

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Attach: Exhibit A