
TO: GENERAL COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: PARKING PROHIBITION ON COLLEGE CRESCENT

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RECOMMENDED MOTION

1. That current parking regulations in By-law 80-138 Schedule "A", "No Parking Any Time" regarding the north side of College Crescent be maintained.

PURPOSE & BACKGROUND

2. This Staff Report reviews parking concerns regarding vehicles parking for long durations of time along the northern portion of College Crescent. As a result of the investigation, staff found that with current parking prohibitions on the south side of College Crescent, on-street parking on the north side did not cause any operational or safety concerns. Staff recommend that current parking regulations be maintained on College Crescent.
3. The Engineering Department received a concern from a resident forwarded through the Ward Councillor regarding on-street parking along College Crescent particularly with the parking associated with the residential housing located on the north leg. These concerns relate to the number of vehicles parked on-street for long durations of time.
4. College Crescent is a two-lane local roadway with a pavement width of 8.5 metres, and sidewalks on both sides, located within Ward 1. Please refer to Appendix "A".
5. Currently on-street parking is permitted on the north leg of College Crescent on the north side from Nelson Street to a point 65 metres west of Lonsdale Place. Please refer to Appendix "A".
6. Currently on-street parking is permitted on the south leg of College Crescent on the east and north side from a point 65 metres west of Lonsdale Place south to Nelson Street.
7. 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

8. During a site visit to College Crescent, staff observed vehicles parked along the north side of College Crescent, however these vehicles did not cause operational or safety concerns as parking along the south side of College Crescent is prohibited. College Crescent still functions as a two lane roadway and traffic is able to flow freely.

9. A Parking Questionnaire was prepared and mailed to 133 properties on College Crescent. Results of the Parking Questionnaire responses are as follows:

COLLEGE CRESCENT ON-STREET PARKING SURVEY	RESPONSES RECEIVED	PERCENTAGE OF RESPONSES
Leave current parking in place on the north side of College Crescent, west of Nelson Street.	20	67%
Implement No Parking from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday entirely on the North Side of College Crescent, west of Nelson Street.	10	33%
TOTAL (Out of 133)	30	24%

10. Respondents expressed limited concern with regard to vehicles parked along the north side of the north leg of College Crescent. The majority stated that the prohibition along the south side of College Crescent was sufficient and that residents need on street parking to accommodate additional vehicles.

11. Respondents expressed great concern with regard to vehicles parking close to residential driveways which causes operational and safety concerns when trying to enter and exit their driveways. Currently, By-law 80-138 has a general provision which prohibits vehicles from parking within 1.5 metres of a residential driveway. This is enforced on a complaint basis.

12. Some respondents expressed concern regarding patrons of Georgian College parking on College Crescent near East Gate and walking to campus.

13. Concerns were also raised regarding the increase in the number of student rentals along College Crescent which can create parking congestion on-street.

14. Current on-street parking along College Crescent is limited to one side of the roadway which provides sufficient roadway width for two-way travel and does not negatively impact the operation or safety of the roadway for pedestrians and motorists.

15. Based on survey results and staff review, staff recommend the current parking regulations on College Crescent remain. This is consistent with the majority of responses received as part of the parking questionnaire.

16. Staff reviewed collision history on College Crescent and found no reported collision involving vehicles parked on the street.

17. Barrie Police Service, Barrie Fire and Emergency Service, and Municipal Law Enforcement do not oppose the recommended motion.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

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

ALTERNATIVES

19. One alternative is available for consideration by General Committee.

Alternative #1

General Committee could decide to prohibit on-street parking entirely on College Crescent.

This alternative is not recommended as College Crescent is a local roadway and there is a need for on-street parking.

FINANCIAL

20. There are no financial matters related to the recommendation.

LINKAGE TO COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

21. The recommendations included in this Staff Report are not specifically related to the goals identified in the 2010-2014 City Council Strategic Plan.

APPENDIX "A"

