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**TO:** GENERAL COMMITTEE

**SUBJECT:** PARKING PROHIBITION ON THRUSHWOOD DRIVE

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**SUBMITTED BY:** R. W. MCARTHUR, P. Eng.  
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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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**RECOMMENDED MOTION**

1. That By-law 80-138, Schedule "A", "No Parking Anytime" be amended by adding the following:
  - a) "Thrushwood Drive West and north side from a point 18 metres south of the easterly limit of Brookwood Drive to a point 75 metres south and westerly thereof."
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  - b) "Thrushwood Drive East and north side from a point 36 metres south of the westerly intersection of Thrushwood Drive and Brookwood Drive to a point 48 metres south and easterly thereof."

**PURPOSE & BACKGROUND**

3. On May 3, 2010, City Council adopted Motion 10-G-169 regarding Thrushwood Drive on-street parking which states:

"That staff in the Engineering Department investigate the feasibility of prohibiting parking on Thrushwood Drive and report back to General Committee."
4. Thrushwood Drive is a two-lane local roadway with a current traffic volume of less than 1500 vehicles per day, and a pavement width of 8.0 metres.
5. On-street parking is permitted on both sides of Thrushwood Drive from Harvie Road to Brookwood Drive westerly intersection.
6. On-street parking is prohibited from November 1 to April 15, between 12:00 midnight and 7:00 a.m. for the purpose of snow clearing.

**ANALYSIS**

7. A Parking Questionnaire was prepared and mailed to 96 property owners on Thrushwood Drive and on adjacent streets including properties with municipal addresses on Brookwood Drive. Please refer to Appendix "A" for copies of the Parking Questionnaire. Results of the Parking Questionnaire responses are as follows:

THRUSHWOOD DRIVE ON-STREET PARKING SURVEY	RESPONSES RECEIVED	PERCENTAGE OF RESPONSES
Prohibit on-street parking on one side of Thrushwood Drive.	7	21%
Prohibit on-street parking through the corners.	21	64%
Leave current on-street parking regulations in place.	5	15%
<b>TOTAL (Out of 96)</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>34%</b>

8. Based on these survey results and staff review, it is recommended that By-law 80-138, Schedule "A", "No Parking Anytime" be amended by adding the following:
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  - b) "Thrushwood Drive East and north side from a point 36 metres south of the westerly intersection of Thrushwood Drive and Brookwood Drive to a point 48 metres south and easterly thereof."
9. A site visit by City staff revealed that when on-street parking occurs through the curves on Thrushwood Drive, it has the potential for causing unsafe conditions for motorists by reducing their line of sight through the curve. Respondents of the survey also expressed similar operational concerns, and as a result, staff recommend that on-street parking be prohibited through the inside of the curves at both the easterly and westerly ends of Thrushwood Drive.
10. Staff reviewed the potential for parking restrictions on one entire side of Thrushwood Drive, but this was not recommended as the existing low traffic volumes on Thrushwood Drive are not negatively impacted by on-street parking.
11. The Barrie Police Service and Municipal Law Enforcement do not oppose the recommended motion.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

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

### **ALTERNATIVES**

13. The following alternatives are available for consideration by General Committee:

**Alternative #1** General Committee could maintain the existing parking regulations on Thrushwood Drive.

This alternative is not recommended as when vehicles are parked through the curves it potentially reduces the motorist's line of sight through the curves.

**Alternative #2**

General Committee could decide to implement a parking prohibition entirely on one side of Thrushwood Drive.

This alternative is not recommended as the existing low traffic volumes on Thrushwood Drive are not negatively impacted by on-street parking.

**FINANCIAL**

14. The installation of No Parking Signs would cost approximately \$800 which can be accommodated in the 2010 Business Plan.

**LINKAGE TO COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

15. The recommendation included in this Staff Report is not specifically related to any of City Council's Strategic Priorities.

**APPENDIX "A"**

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**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY  
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July 9, 2010

File: T02-PA

To Property Owners/Residents:

**Re: Thrushwood Drive On-Street Parking**

The City of Barrie has received a request to review the existing on-street parking regulations on Thrushwood Drive. The request cited concerns regarding vehicles parking on Thrushwood Drive and suggested prohibiting parking on the roadway.

Currently, on-street parking is permitted on both sides of Thrushwood Drive. Overnight on-street parking is prohibited from November 1<sup>st</sup> to April 15<sup>th</sup>, between 12:01 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. for the purpose of snow clearing. Please see the attached map for your reference.

Engineering is currently reviewing the existing parking regulations on Thrushwood Drive and, as part of this review, the residents are being surveyed regarding their views of the existing parking restrictions on Thrushwood Drive and how these regulations impact their daily activities.

Before a report is prepared for City Council, you are invited to express your opinion on this matter. Please take a moment to complete the enclosed comment sheet and return it to this office before **Friday, July 23, 2010**.

If you have any comments and/or concerns regarding these changes, please contact Mr. Justin MacDonald at (705) 739-4220, extension 5178, fax (705) 739-4245 or e-mail [jumacdonald@barrie.ca](mailto:jumacdonald@barrie.ca) on, or before, **Friday, July 23, 2010**.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Justin MacDonald".

**Justin MacDonald  
Traffic Technologist**

JM/laf

pc: Councillor J. Brassard



ON-STREET PARKING SURVEY  
THRUSHWOOD DRIVE  
COMMENT SHEET

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**Name of Respondent:** (Please Print)

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**Representing:** (Agency, Municipality, Property Owner, Tenant, etc.)

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**Mailing Address:** (Including Postal Code)

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**Telephone Number:**

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Please mark your preference below with regard to the following options:

**OPTION A:** Prohibit on-street parking on one side of Thrushwood Drive.

**OPTION B:** Prohibit on-street parking through the corners.

**OPTION C:** Leave current parking regulations in place.

I am in favour of option:

☐ A☐ B☐ C

Note: If option "A" is chosen please indicate on what side of Thrushwood Drive you would like parking prohibited.

Please provide comments regarding your preference.

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**ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**

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Thrushwood Drive

July 9, 2010

Are you satisfied with the detail of information presented herein?

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**Poor**  
(Much Improvement  
Required)

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**Marginal**  
(Some Improvement  
Required)

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**Good**

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**Very Good**

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**Excellent**

Comment:

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Do you wish to continue to be informed of the process of reviewing the parking regulations?

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YES

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NO

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit this Comment Sheet by **Friday, July 23, 2010**, to:

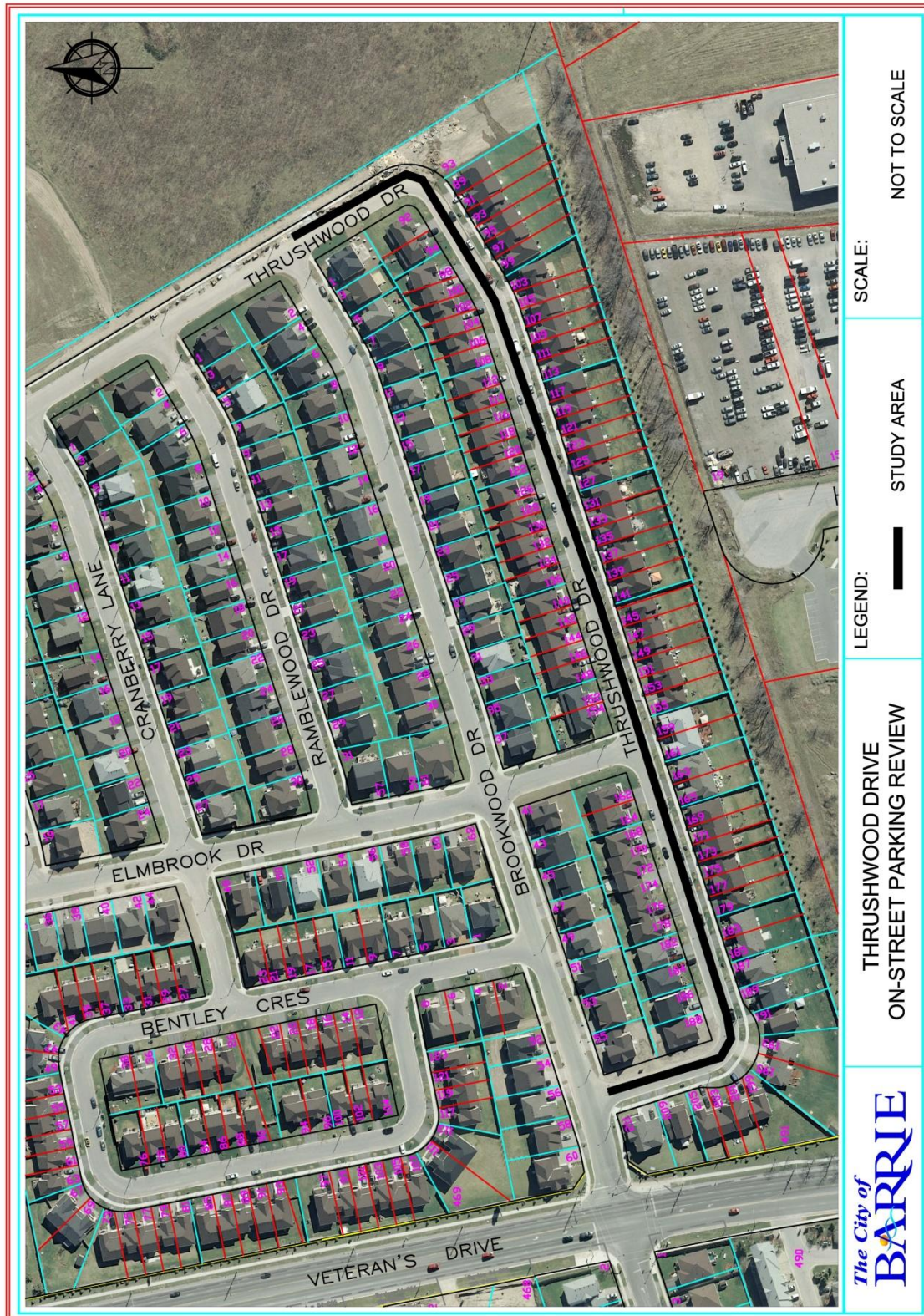
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APPENDIX "B"

