
TO: GENERAL COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: HARVIE ROAD/BIG BAY POINT ROAD PARKING RESTRICTIONS

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RECOMMENDED MOTION

1. That Traffic By-law 2020-107, Schedule '1', "No Parking Anytime" be amended by deleting the following:

"Big Bay Point Road From Huronia Road to a point 140 metres east thereof."
2. That Traffic By-Law 2020-107, Schedule '1', "No Parking Anytime" be amended by adding the following:

"Harvie Road Both sides from Essa Road to Fairview Road."

"Big Bay Point Road Both sides from Fairview Road to a point 140 metres east of Huronia Road."

PURPOSE & BACKGROUND

3. The City of Barrie has begun to implement bicycle lanes on Harvie Road and Big Bay Point Road between Huronia Road and Essa Road as recommended within the City's Transportation Master Plan (TMP). The TMP is a long-range plan for transportation improvements to accommodate planned growth with a focus on promoting transit and non-motorized forms of travel (cycling and walking).
4. Harvie Road and Big Bay Point Road serves as a major east-west arterial roadway. The newly constructed portions of Harvie Road and Big Bay Point Road between Essa Road and Bayview Drive includes active transportation infrastructure in the form of a bicycle lane.
5. The improvements to Big Bay Point Road are currently underway and will continue east to Huronia Road. The design improvements will include road widening from 2 to 5 lanes, including continuous two-way left turn median, new curbs, sidewalk, improved drainage systems, and 1.5m bicycle lanes with 0.6m buffer on both sides of the road.
6. Implementation of bicycle lanes requires the removal of on-street parking to ensure the safety of cyclists and motorists.

7. Currently, there are “No Parking Anytime” restrictions on both sides of Big Bay Point Road from Huronia Road to a point 140 metres east thereof. Outside of these restrictions, parking is permitted along both sides of Harvie Road and Big Bay Point Road between Essa Road and Huronia Road. 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 winter maintenance.

ANALYSIS

8. A comment sheet was prepared and mailout out to 82 property owners on Harvie Road and Big Bay Point Road to gather information on how residents would be affected in their day-to-day with a No Parking Anytime restriction.
9. Staff received four responses from the mailout. Residents expressed concerns with a lack of on-street parking with the implementation of the bicycle lane on Harvie Road around Claudio Crescent (town homes on Harvie Road between Essa Road and Veteran’s Drive).
10. All town homes on Claudio Crescent have designated garages, and driveways that allow for multiple vehicle parking. Parking is also provided along the access road of Claudio Crescent for additional parking for area residents.
11. It is common practice in the City to restrict parking on arterial roadways. Traffic movement is the primary concern with there being uninterrupted flow except at signals and crosswalks. Harvie Road and Big Bay Point Road carries moderate to high traffic volumes, providing through routes across the City.
12. The newly constructed portions of Harvie Road and Big Bay Point Road contain buffered bicycle lanes on both sides from Essa Road to Bayview Drive. Future improvements of Big Bay Point Road carry this same design east to Huronia Road. Parking restrictions are to be implemented with the installation of the bicycle lanes so that the designated lanes can operate effectively and safely.
13. Based on the City’s TMP with the installation of bicycle lanes on Harvie Road and Big Bay Point Road, Staff recommend that the following amendments are to be made to the Traffic By-Law.
14. That Traffic By-law 2020-107, Schedule ‘1’, “No Parking Any Time” be amended by removing the following:
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| <u>“Big Bay Point Road</u> | From Huronia Road to a point 140 metres east thereof.” |
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15. That Traffic By-law 2020-107, Schedule ‘1’, “No Parking Any Time” be amended by added the following:
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| <u>“Harvie Road</u> | Both sides from Essa Road to Fairview Road.” |
| <u>“Big Bay Point Road</u> | Both sides from Fairview Road to a point 140 metres east of Huronia Road.” |
16. Barrie Police Service, Barrie Fire and Emergency Service and Enforcement Services staff do not oppose to the recommendation.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT MATTERS

17. There are no environmental and/or climate change impact matters related to the recommendation.

ALTERNATIVES

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

Alternative #1

General Committee could maintain the existing Traffic By-Law 2020-107 Schedule '1', "No Parking Anytime". (i.e., Status Quo)

This alternative is not recommended as it is common practice to restrict parking along arterial roadways and where bicycle lanes are installed. This is to ensure safety for cyclists and motorists. The No Parking provides cyclists and motorists to free flow travel in their designated lanes so there is no requirement to maneuver around parked vehicles. Bicycle lanes have already been installed on portions of Harvie Road and Big Bay Point Road. Further improvements are currently underway to continue the bicycle lanes east to Huronia Road.

FINANCIAL

19. The costs associated with the installation of "No Parking Anytime" signs are approximately \$7,500.00 and can be accommodated in the 2022 Operating budget.

LINKAGE TO 2018–2022 STRATEGIC PLAN

20. The recommendation(s) included in this Staff Report support the following goals identified in the 2018-2022 Strategic Plan:

☒ Improving the Ability to Get Around Barrie

21. The recommendation of amending the "No Parking Anytime" Traffic By-law to further restrict parking on both sides of Harvie Road and Big Bay Point Road will improve traffic operations and safety by eliminating the potential of obstructed travel lanes, and bicycle lanes throughout the arterial corridor. This will provide an established active transportation network that offers comfortable, safe, and secure facilities for all users to encourage walking and cycling activity in the City of Barrie.

APPENDIX "A"

