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<b>TO:</b>	<b>GENERAL COMMITTEE</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>CUTHBERT STREET NO PARKING ANYTIME</b>
<b>WARD:</b>	<b>6</b>
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#### **RECOMMENDED MOTION**

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

<u>"Cuthbert Street</u>	North side from Ferndale Drive South to a point 194 metres east thereof."
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#### **PURPOSE & BACKGROUND**

2. Staff in the Development Services Department received the request to investigate the feasibility of implementing No Parking Anytime Restrictions on Cuthbert Street and report back to General Committee.
3. Cuthbert Street is a two-lane local roadway that is 300 metres long, a pavement width of 8.5 metres and an urban cross-section. Cuthbert Street has an Average Annual Daily Traffic of 310 vehicles. There are single family homes on both sides of the street. Ferndale Woods Elementary School is located just north of Cuthbert Street on Ferndale Drive South. Please refer to the area map in Appendix "A".
4. Currently, there are No Parking Anytime restrictions on both sides of Cuthbert Street 30 metres east of Ferndale Drive South. These signs were installed under the City's general provision to prevent vehicles parking within 30 metres of the intersection and blocking the intersection. Outside of these restrictions, parking is permitted along both sides of the road. Overnight on-street parking is prohibited December 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> between 12:01 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. for winter maintenance.
5. Staff performed preliminary site investigations in the a.m. and p.m. peak hour times to understand the current parking conditions on Cuthbert Street. Staff witnessed vehicles parking along both sides of the road from Ferndale Drive South past Bishop Drive. There were vehicles parking in the No Parking Anytime zones and parked on the boulevard over the mountable curb. Parked vehicles created an unsafe street as there were inadequate lane widths for two-way traffic. Residents had a difficulty manoeuvring while entering and exiting their driveways.

## **ANALYSIS**

6. A questionnaire was prepared and mailed to 37 property owners on Cuthbert Street to investigate on-street parking. 8 responses were received, and the results of the questionnaire are as follows.

CUTHBERT STREET ON-STREET PARKING SURVEY	RESPONSES RECEIVED IN FAVOUR	PERCENTAGE OF RESPONSES
<b>Option "A"</b> – Maintain the current on-street parking along both sides of Cuthbert Street between Ferndale Drive South and Porritt Street.	3	37%
<b>Option "B"</b> – No Parking Anytime on the north side of Cuthbert Street from Ferndale Drive South to a point 194m east thereof.	5	63%
<b><u>Total (Out of 37)</u></b>	<b>8</b>	<b>22%</b>

7. From the eight total responses, five were in favour of implementing further restrictions (63%) while 3 were satisfied with the current parking restrictions (37%).
8. The main concerns from residents included vehicles being parked on both sides of the street as it only allows for one vehicle to travel in one direction. This also makes it challenging to enter/exit driveways and turn onto Bishop Drive. Other residents noted that with a high volume of pedestrian traffic from Ferndale Woods Elementary School there has been dangerous situations with children walking across the street between parked vehicles.
9. Residents' comments from the mailout have matched what Staff witnessed during preliminary site investigations. Implementing additional parking restrictions on Cuthbert Street, it would help the operation and safety of the street for all users.
10. Based on the site investigations, and the comments received from the mailout, Staff recommend that the following amendments are to be made to the Traffic By-Law.

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11. Barrie Police Service, Barrie Fire and Emergency Service and Municipal Law Enforcement Staff do not oppose the recommendation.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT MATTERS**

12. There are no environmental and climate change impact matters related to the recommendation.

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## **ALTERNATIVES**

13. The following alternative is 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 has been identified by Staff and residents that there is currently a safety concern for motorists and pedestrians with vehicles parked on both sides of Cuthbert Street. Limited lane widths and sightline restrictions create an unsafe street for users.

## **FINANCIAL**

14. The costs associated with the installation of "No Parking Anytime" signs are approximately \$300 and can be accommodated in the 2022 Operation Budget.

## **LINKAGE TO 2018–2022 STRATEGIC PLAN**

15. The recommendation included in this Staff Report supports the following goal identified in the 2018-2022 Strategic Plan:

☒ Improving the Ability to Get Around Barrie

16. The recommendation of amending the "No Parking Anytime" Traffic By-law to further restrict parking on Cuthbert Street will improve safety for motorist and pedestrians by maintaining adequate lane widths and easing sightline restrictions. The recommendation also provides permitted on-street parking in areas where Staff feel it is safe to. This prioritizes Council's goal of creating safer streets.

Attached: APPENDIX "A" – Cuthbert Street No Parking Anytime Restrictions Area Map

## APPENDIX "A"

### Cuthbert Street No Parking Anytime Restrictions Area Map

