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TO: GENERAL COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: GEDDES CRESCENT NO PARKING ANYTIME RESTRICTIONS

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## **RECOMMENDED MOTION**

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

"Geddes Crescent North side from the westerly intersection of Leacock Drive to the

easterly intersection of Leacock Drive"

"Geddes Crescent East side from a point 70 metres north of the westerly intersection

of Leacock Drive to a point 30 metres east thereof"

"Geddes Crescent West side from a point 57 metres north of the easterly intersection

of Leacock Drive to a point 30 metres west thereof"

# **PURPOSE & BACKGROUND**

#### Report Overview

- Staff had received a request to investigate the feasibility of parking restrictions on Geddes Crescent.
- Geddes Crescent is an 8.5 metre wide two-lane local roadway with an urban cross-section with a sidewalk along the north side of Geddes Crescent. Please refer to Appendix "A" for a map of the area
- 4. Currently, parking is permitted on both sides of Geddes Crescent. Overnight on-street parking is prohibited from December 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> between 12:01 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. for winter maintenance activities.



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### **ANALYSIS**

- 5. Staff performed preliminary site investigations to understand the current parking and traffic operations along Geddes Crescent. Geddes Crescent was observed during the morning, afternoon and evening periods, approximately 9:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on consecutive weekdays.
- 6. The investigation revealed the following number of parked vehicles during each study period:
  - Morning had an average of 12 vehicles parked.
  - Afternoon had an average of 9 vehicles parked.
  - Evening had an average of 16 vehicles parked.
- 7. Staff observations during the parking study identified vehicles parking along both sides of the roadway with vehicles parking through the inside corners of Geddes Crescent, reducing the road to a single lane of travel with reduced sight lines creating operational and safety concerns.
- 8. A questionnaire was prepared and mailed to 58 property owners on Geddes Crescent to seek input on the proposed parking restrictions. Staff received 29 responses and the results of the questionnaire are as follows:

GEDDES CRESCENT NO PARKING ANYTIME SURVEY	RESPONSES RECEIVED IN FAVOUR	PERCENTAGE OF RESPONSES
Option "A" – Maintain current parking and stopping restrictions along both sides of Geddes Crescent.	22	76%
Option "B" – Implement 'No Parking Anytime' on the north side of Geddes Crescent and through the inside corners on Geddes Crescent.	8	24%
TOTAL (Out of 58)	29	50%

- 9. A review of the survey responses identified a response rate of 50%. From the twenty-nine (29) total responses, eight (8) are in favour of implementing further restrictions while twenty-two (22) are not in favour. Residents expressed concern that parking would be limited with the proposed restrictions. The proposed restrictions are to maintain the required lane widths and sight lines for road users. To maximize on-street parking without creating operational and safety concerns, the south side is proposed to maintain on-street parking.
- 10. Based on the site investigations, staff recommend that the following amendments are to be made to the Traffic By-Law to allow for vehicles to safely utilize on-street parking on the south side of the road and not interfering with through traffic or negatively impacting sight lines.

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"Geddes Crescent

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

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

## **ALTERNATIVES**

12. 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 has been identified by staff that there is a conflict with parked vehicles on Geddes Crescent. This is a safety concern for pedestrians and motorists as the observed parked vehicles create inadequate lane widths and sight line restrictions for all road users.

#### Alternative #2

General Committee could amend Traffic By-law 2020-107 Schedule '1', "No Parking Anytime". (South side of Geddes Crescent)

This alternative is not recommended as the north side has limited opportunity to park without impeding driveway access, whereas there are more opportunities on the south side to park.

#### **FINANCIAL**

13. The costs associated with the installation of "No Parking Anytime" signs are approximately \$3,150.00 and can be accommodated in the 2023 Operating Budget.

### LINKAGE TO 2022-2026 STRATEGIC PLAN

- 14. The recommendation(s) included in this Staff Report support the following goals identified in the 2022-2026 Strategic Plan:
  - Community Safety
- 15. The recommendation of amending the "No Parking Anytime" Traffic By-law to further restrict parking on Geddes Crescent will improve safety for motorists and pedestrians. The recommendation also provides permitted on-street parking in areas where staff feel it is safer to park.



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## **APPENDIX "A"**

# **Geddes Crescent No Parking Anytime Map**

