


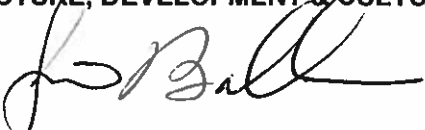

TO: GENERAL COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: PARKING PROHIBITION ON MARGARET DRIVE

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RECOMMENDED MOTION

1. That By-law 80-138, Schedule "A", "No Parking Any Time" be amended by adding the following:

<u>"Margaret Drive</u>	From Livingstone Street East to Nicole Marie Avenue	East Side"
<u>"Margaret Drive</u>	From Livingstone Street East to a point 30 metres north thereof	West Side"

PURPOSE & BACKGROUND

2. On May 9, 2011, City Council adopted Motion 11-G-131 regarding Margaret Drive on-street parking which states:

"That staff in the Engineering Department investigate the feasibility of implementing parking prohibition along the west side of Margaret Drive between Livingstone Street and Nicole Marie Avenue and report back to General Committee."

3. Margaret Drive is a two-lane local roadway with a pavement width of 8.5 metres, and sidewalk on the east side, please refer to Appendix "A".
4. Currently on-street parking is permitted on both sides of Margaret Drive.
5. Overnight on-street parking is prohibited from December 1st to March 31st, between 12:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. for the purpose of snow clearing.

ANALYSIS

6. During a site visit to Margaret Drive, between Livingstone Street and Nicole Marie Avenue, staff did not observe any congestion due to vehicles parking on-street. Staff did observe when a vehicle was parked too close to the intersection of Margaret Drive and Livingstone Street that there were limited sight lines.
7. A Parking Questionnaire was prepared and mailed to 36 property owners on Margaret Drive, Livingstone Street, and Nicole Marie Avenue. Results of the Parking Questionnaire responses are as follows:

MARGARET DRIVE ON-STREET PARKING SURVEY	RESPONSES RECEIVED	PERCENTAGE OF RESPONSES
Leave current parking in place on both sides of Margaret Drive.	7	36%
Implement No Parking on the east side of Margaret Drive between Livingstone Street and Nicole Marie Avenue.	6*	32%
Implement No Parking on the west side of Margaret Drive between Livingstone Street and Nicole Marie Avenue.	6*	32%
TOTAL (Out of 36)	15	42%

* Some respondents selected in favour of both Option B and C.

8. Respondents expressed concerns about parking along Margaret Drive which limits the lane width for vehicles to be able to manoeuvre when accessing their driveways. Concerns were also raised about limited lane widths when manoeuvring from Livingstone Street onto Margaret Drive due to vehicles parked on both sides of the roadway.
9. Some respondents selected in favour of both Option B and Option C. Staff reviewed the possibility of implementing "No Parking Anytime" on both sides of Margaret Drive between Livingstone Street and Nicole Marie Avenue, which is not recommended as Margaret Drive is a residential roadway and there is a need for on-street parking.
10. Staff reviewed the collision history on Margaret Drive between Livingstone Street and Nicole Marie Avenue and found one reported collision which was due to limited sight distance from snow banks and unrelated to parking operation.
11. Based on survey results and staff review, staff recommend that By-law 80-138, Schedule "A", "No Parking Any Time" be amended by adding the following:

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12. The proposed "No Parking" regulations along the east side of Margaret Drive from Livingstone Street East to Nicole Marie Avenue would allow for adequate lane widths for vehicles to be able to manoeuvre when accessing driveways and improve operation and safety at the intersection.
13. Staff reviewed prohibiting parking entirely along the west side of Margaret Drive from Livingstone Street East to Nicole Marie Avenue. This was not recommended as there are no residential driveways on the west side so on-street parking will not negatively impact the operation and safety of the roadway while still providing a suitable level of service and access to the Canada Post mailbox.
14. The proposed "No Parking" restriction on the west side of Margaret Drive from Livingstone Street East to a point 30 metres north thereof would improve the operation and safety of the intersection by increasing the lane widths and sight lines.
15. Barrie Police Service, Barrie Fire and Emergency Service and Municipal Law Enforcement do not oppose the recommended motion.

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

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

ALTERNATIVES

17. The following alternatives are available for consideration by General Committee.

Alternative #1

General Committee could decide not to prohibit on-street parking on Margaret Drive between Livingstone Street and Nicole Marie Avenue.

This alternative is not recommended as vehicles currently parking on Margaret Drive cause operational and safety concerns due to sight line restrictions.

Alternative #2

General Committee could decide to prohibit on-street parking on the entire west side of Margaret Drive between Livingstone Street and Nicole Marie Avenue.

This alternative is not recommended as vehicles currently parking on the west side of Margaret Drive, in the area proposed as permitted parking, do not cause operational and safety concerns.

FINANCIAL

18. The installation of "No Parking" signs would cost approximately \$600 which can be accommodated in the 2011 Business Plan.

LINKAGE TO COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

19. 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"

