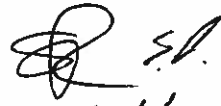
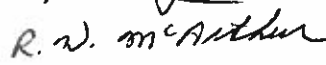



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**TO:** GENERAL COMMITTEE

**SUBJECT:** PARKING PROHIBITION ON WESSENGER DRIVE

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**RECOMMENDED MOTION**

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

<u>"Wessenger Drive</u>	From a point 56 metres west of Churchland Drive	East Side"
	to a point 45 metres west and north thereof	
<u>"Wessenger Drive</u>	From a point 137 metres north and west of	East Side"
	Churchland Drive to a point 36 metres north and	
	east thereof	

**PURPOSE & BACKGROUND**

2. Staff Report ENG022-12 reviews parking concerns regarding vehicles parking through the bends on Wessenger Drive, west of Churchland Drive. As a result of the investigation, the proposed recommended motion would prohibit parking through the bends improving sight lines and the safety and operation of the roadway.
3. Wessenger Drive is located within Ward 7.
4. The Engineering Department received a concern from a resident forwarded through the Ward Councillor regarding on-street parking along both sides of Wessenger Drive particularly related to restricting parking through the inside corners west of Churchland drive.
5. Wessenger Drive is a two-lane local roadway with a pavement width of 8.5 metres, and sidewalk on one side. Please refer to Appendix "A".
6. On-street parking around the corners is currently permitted on both sides of Wessenger Drive.
7. 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 the purpose of snow clearing.

**ANALYSIS**

8. During a site visit to Wessenger Drive, staff observed that vehicles parked on the inside corners on Wessenger Drive, cause operational and safety concerns. Staff observed limited sight lines through the corner with vehicles parked on the inside portion.

9. A Parking Questionnaire was prepared and mailed to 30 property owners on Wessenger Drive. Results of the Parking Questionnaire responses are as follows:

WESSENGER DRIVE ON-STREET PARKING SURVEY	RESPONSES RECEIVED	PERCENTAGE OF RESPONSES
Leave current parking in place on Wessenger Drive.	4	40%
Implement No Parking through the inside corners on Wessenger Drive in the vicinity of house #145-#187.	6	60%
<b>TOTAL (Out of 30)</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>33%</b>

10. Respondents expressed concerns about parking along the inside of the corners on Wessenger Drive reducing sightlines and safety concerns.
11. Based on survey results and staff review, staff recommend that By-law 80-138 Schedule "A", "No Parking Anytime" be amended by adding the following:
- "Wessenger Drive      From a point 56 metres west of Churchland Drive      East Side"  
to a point 45 metres west and north thereof
- "Wessenger Drive      From a point 137 metres north and west of      East Side"  
Churchland Drive to a point 36 metres north and  
east thereof
12. The proposed "No Parking" through the inside of both corners along Wessenger Drive, west of Churchland Drive would allow for adequate turning radii for vehicles manoeuvring through the bends thus improving the operation of the roadway. The proposed restrictions would improve sight lines for vehicles therefore improving the safety of the roadway.
13. Staff reviewed the collision history on Wessenger Drive and found no reported collisions involving vehicles parked through the corner. However, there was one reported collision involving a car speeding through the corner and losing control.
14. Barrie Police Service, Barrie Fire and Emergency Service, and Municipal Law Enforcement do not oppose the recommended motion.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

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

#### **ALTERNATIVES**

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

**Alternative #1**      General Committee could decide not to prohibit on-street parking on Wessenger Drive.

This alternative is not recommended as vehicles currently parking along the inside corners of Wessenger Drive through the bends cause operational and safety concerns.

**Alternative #2**

General Committee could decide to prohibit on-street parking entirely on one side of Wessenger Drive.

This alternative is not recommended as Wessenger Drive is a residential roadway with operational concerns at isolated sections of the road.

**FINANCIAL**

17. The installation of No-Parking Signs would cost approximately \$600 and can be accommodated in the 2012 Business Plan.

**LINKAGE TO COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

18. The recommendation included in this Staff Report is not specifically related to the goals identified in the 2010-2014 City Council Strategic Plan.

APPENDIX "A"



DATE:  
August 2012  
SCALE:  
NTS

LEGEND:  
Study Area  
Proposed No Parking Anytime

Wessenger Drive  
Parking Investigation