

## **On-Street Parking Restrictions Review – Emile Street, Sudbury**

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### **Report Summary**

This report provides a recommendation regarding on-street parking restrictions on Emile Street in Chelmsford in response to resolution OP2023-39.

### **Resolution**

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury restricts parking to one hour only on the north and south side of Emile Street from 9 metres west of Errington Avenue to 45 metres west of Emile Street as outlined in the report entitled “On-Street Parking Restrictions Review – Emile Street, Sudbury”, from the General Manager of Growth and Infrastructure, presented at the Operations Committee meeting on March 25, 2024;

AND THAT the City of Greater Sudbury directs staff to prepare a by-law to amend Traffic and Parking By-Law 2010-1 in the City of Greater Sudbury to implement the recommended changes.

### **Relationship to the Strategic Plan, Health Impact Assessment and Community Energy & Emissions Plan (CEEP)**

This report refers to operational matters.

### **Financial Implications**

Recommendations of this report will be carried out within the existing approved budget and staffing resources.

### **Background**

On December 11, 2023, Operations Committee resolution OP2023-39 was passed stating that:

WHEREAS Emile Street in Chelmsford is a short street that encompasses residential and commercial buildings;

AND WHEREAS on-street parking on Emile Street is challenging and is negatively impacting businesses located on that street;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Greater Sudbury directs that staff conduct a review of on-

street parking restrictions on Emile Street in Chelmsford and that they report the findings and recommendations of that review to the Operations Committee at its February 20th, 2024 meeting.

Emile street is a local road located in the downtown core of Chelmsford and runs in an east-west direction. It intersects Errington Avenue to the east and to the west is a dead end as shown in Figure 1 below. The length of Emile Street from Errington Avenue to the dead-end is approximately 105 metres and it has an urban standard cross section. This standard cross section consists of sidewalks and curbs on both sides of the street.



Figure 1: Emile Street, Chelmsford

At the dead-end of Emile Street, there is an access driveway on the south side, to the Chelmsford public Library. There is also a minimum amount of available on-street parking.

On June 5, 2023, Transportation and Innovation Staff received a complaint through 311 that patrons of the café and vehicle repair shop at 3536 Errington Avenue were parking too close to the intersection at Errington Avenue, blocking sidewalk access on Emile Street and blocking access to the driveway at 3526 Errington Avenue. Figure 2 below shows vehicles parking on the sidewalk and blocking driveways. Figure 3 shows vehicles parked at the intersection of Errington Avenue and Emile Street.





Figure 2: Emile Street looking north to Errington Avenue



Figure 3: Vehicles parked near the intersection of Errington Avenue and Emile Street

The general provisions of the Traffic and Parking bylaw allow for parking restrictions 23 metres from an intersection. General provisions are included in the bylaw to allow enforcement and signage without requiring a change to a bylaw schedule. This restriction would have placed the signs in the middle of the driveways for both 3536 and 3526 Errington Avenue. Therefore, staff extended the parking restrictions to include the extent of the driveways as shown by the red lines in Figure 4 below. In June 2023, no parking signs were installed on Emile Street with additional signage being installed closer to Errington Avenue in September 2023.



Figure 4: Current parking restrictions on Emile Street

## Analysis

Since the parking restrictions were put in place there has been feedback that businesses have been negatively impacted as noted in the resolution. In addition, there have been calls to 311 from residents further west of the parking restrictions that vehicles are now obstructing their driveways.

Modifying the current parking restrictions to allow for short term parking will allow patrons to conduct their business and not have to park further down Emile Street and block adjacent driveways. At the same time parking restrictions would still have to be enforced near the intersection of Errington Avenue and Emile Street to ensure proper sight lines are maintained.

## Conclusion

In order to balance the needs of businesses operating in the area and the safety concerns of residents, the current parking restrictions on Emile Street should be modified to restrict parking within nine metres of the intersection of Errington Avenue and Emile Street, and have the remaining 36 metres be restricted to one hour parking only. This will give patrons of both businesses sufficient time to conduct their business and lessen the impact to other road users on Emile Street.

## Resources Cited

City of Greater Sudbury, Operations Committee Agenda

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