

## **Request for Decision**

## Walford Road - Parking Restrictions

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### Recommendation

THAT the City of Greater Sudbury prohibits parking on the north side of Walford Road from 275 metres east of Paris Street to Nepahwin Avenue:

AND THAT parking be prohibited on the south side of Walford Road from 275 metres east of Paris Street to Nepahwin Avenue, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., each day;

AND THAT a by-law be passed by City Council to amend Traffic and Parking By-Law 2010-1 in the City of Greater Sudbury to implement the recommended changes all in accordance with the report from the General Manager of Infrastructure Services dated September 9, 2015.

### Signed By

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# **Background**

The City continues to receive complaints about people parking on both sides of Walford Road, east of the Walford Residence. The frequent occurrence of parked vehicles on both sides of the road makes it difficult for oncoming vehicles to pass each other safely. These problems worsen during winter months when the presence of snow banks further reduces the operational width of the road.

The section of Walford Road under review is located east of Paris Street (see Exhibit 'A'). In this area, Walford Road is designated as a collector roadway that provides access to the local residential properties and the Idylwylde Golf and Country Club at the east end of the road. Walford Road is constructed to an urban standard with an asphalt surface width of 10 metres and a sidewalk on the north side.

Due to the proximity of Walford Road to Health Sciences North, staff and patients have been parking on this section of Walford Road to avoid paying for parking within the hospital site. In 2010, parking restrictions were implemented immediately west of the subject area for the same reasons.

The primary function of a public road is for the safe and efficient movement of traffic. On-street parking is usually permitted when this criteria is met. However, public roads are not intended to provide free, long term parking for institutions and major commercial areas. Often times, parking is prohibited or restricted near these locations due to resident complaints. In this case, vehicles are parking on both sides of Walford Road making it difficult for people to exit their driveways and oncoming traffic to pass safely.

To try and eliminate the problems associated with people parking on both sides of the street, while maintaining some on-street parking for local residents, it is recommended that parking be prohibited on the north side of Walford Road from 275 metres east of Paris Street to Nepahwin Avenue. It is also recommended that parking be prohibited on the south side of Walford Road from 275 metres east of Paris Street to Nepahwin Avenue between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., each day.

Councillor Cormier has solicited feedback from the affected residents and supports the recommendations.

