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Request for Decision

Parking Restrictions - Loach's Road, Sudbury

Recommendation

THAT parking be permitted on the east side of Loach's Road from 65 metres north of Aspenwood Court to the north end;

AND THAT a by-law be prepared 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 July 16, 2015.

Background

The City's Roads and Transportation Department received complaints this past winter about vehicles parking on both sides of Loach's Road near the emergency access to Laurentian University (see Exhibit 'A'). Staff and students from the university were parking for extended periods narrowing the road and making it difficult for vehicles to pass each other. These problems become much worse in the winter when snow banks further reduce the width of the road.

Parking on City streets has been a problem near many institutions, especially where they have a "Pay for Parking" system like the university. In this case, the City's Traffic and Parking By-Law 2010-1 prohibits parking on both sides of Loach's Road. Therefore, as a result of the complaint, "No Parking" signs were installed on both sides of Loach's Road, north of Aspenwood Court.

Subsequent to the "No Parking" signs being installed, City staff and the Ward Councillor received complaints that people were previously able to park in this area to access the trails on Laurentian University's property.

In this area, Loach's Road is a low volume residential street constructed to a rural standard with an asphalt surface width of 6.7 metres and gravel shoulders. North of Laurentian University's emergency entrance there is only three (3) homes on the west side of Loach's Road and the university property borders the east side.

In order to provide some short term parking in support of active transportation on Laurentian University's trails, it is recommended that parking be permitted along the east side of Loach's Road from nine (9) metres north of the emergency entrance to the north end of the road. Allowing parking on only one (1) side of the

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road should maintain sufficient width for vehicles to pass each other.

The City's Traffic and Parking By-Law allows vehicles to park for a maximum of four (4) consecutive hours. This area should be monitored and the four (4) hour limit enforced to ensure that long term parking by students and staff of the university does not occur.

The Councillor for Ward 10 has indicated his support for staff's recommendations.

