

Request for Decision

Additional Meters on Beech Street and Amendments to the Maximum Allowable Parking Time

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Recommendation

Whereas the City of Greater Sudbury is committed to improve downtown parking services for its citizens, it is recommended,

That all on-street downtown parking meters be set at a 2-hour limit, and

That additional meters be installed on Beech Street.

Finance Implications

The implementation cost will be funded within the 2012 operating and capital budgets.

Background

Standardization to the On-Street Maximum Allowable Parking Time

At present, the parking meters within the Downtown core have two different time limits. Those meters in the heart of the Downtown core along Cedar and Durham Streets are set at a 1-hour maximum allowable parking time while all others have a 2-hour limit. Downtown Sudbury merchants and customers have indicated that this is confusing. The confusion also leads to disputes of parking enforcement tickets. Standardizing all meters settings to a 2-hour limit would eliminate confusion and better serve our citizens.

Standardizing the on-street maximum allowable parking time is also a recommendation of the Strategic Parking Plan.

“It recommends parking time limits be uniform for all on-street meters and be set at 2 hours. This would establish a more consistent and clear on street parking system and reduce disputes of parking enforcement tickets. “[1]

It is recommended that all on-street parking meters be set at a 2-hour limit. The cost is approximately \$1,000 and can be funded within the proposed 2012 operating budget.

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Installation of Additional Meters on Beech Street

In March 2010, a private parking lot on the south side of Beech Street (between Frood Road and Elgin Street) consisting of 200 spaces was sold to build a Shoppers Drug Mart. The elimination of those parking spaces had a major impact in that area of Downtown.

Currently, there is a portion of Beech Street that is not metered. It is proposed that 7 meters be installed on this portion of Beech Street. The Traffic and Transportation Section has confirmed that the street is wide enough to support on-street meter parking on both sides of Beech Street at that location.

This was also a recommendation of the Strategic Parking Plan.

“One question addressed by this study is whether the supply of on-street parking in the Downtown can be increased to serve more short –term parking demand. Increased capacity of on-street parking means that parking supply increases without using more land or major construction.” [2]

It is recommended that additional meters be installed on Beech Street. The estimated cost would be approximately \$3,000.00 for supplies and installation and can be funded from the 2012 Capital budget.

[1] Strategic Parking Plan, section 8.1.4, Parking Time Limits

[2] Strategic Parking Plan, section 8.2.1, Maximize On-Street Supply