

Request for Decision

Overnight Parking - Winter Months

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| Presented To: | Traffic Committee |
| Presented: | Monday, Mar 22, 2010 |
| Report Date | Thursday, Mar 18, 2010 |
| Type: | Managers' Reports |

Recommendation

That the overnight parking prohibition during winter months that currently ends on March 31st be extended to and including April 30th of each year,

That the new overnight parking restrictions take effect on December 1, 2010, prior to the 2010/2011 winter season, 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 change, all in accordance with the report from the General Manager of Infrastructure Services, dated March 22, 2010.

Finance Implications

There is no financial impact relating to this report.

Background

The City's Traffic and Parking By-Law 2010-1 currently prohibits the parking of vehicles on any roadway during the hours of 12:00 a.m. midnight to 7:00 a.m., from December 1st to March 31st. These restrictions are in place to facilitate the clearing and removal of snow during the Winter months. In the Staff report dated November 29, 2009 (see attached), the Roads and Transportation's Operations Division identified a significant problem with parked vehicles on the road during spring street sweeping operations. To facilitate this operation they requested that the overnight parking restrictions be extended from March 31st to May 15th.

At the Traffic Committee meeting held on December 3, 2009, "The Traffic Committee agreed to defer the item to obtain information from Legal Services regarding the ability to suspend the overnight parking by-law should the Winter season end early or the street sweeping be completed prior to May 15th.

Subsequently, the City's Legal Department has advised that there may be ways to give staff the authority to suspend the restrictions early with proper notification to the public. However, the City's By-Law Enforcement Section advised that the end date should be permanent, otherwise it will be difficult to enforce, and defend in court.

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Therefore, to facilitate spring snow clearing and street sweeping operations without overly impacting area residents, staff recommends that the overnight restrictions be extended to April 30th each year. The proposed end date of April 30th is two (2) weeks shorter than originally requested, and represents a compromise to assist with enforcement of the by-law. Should Council approve staff's recommendation, the new restrictions will take effect on December 1, 2010.

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BY-LAW 2010-1

ADD:

Part III – Parking and Stopping

4. - (4) 14. Notwithstanding the contents of Column 2 of Schedule "C-1", and notwithstanding item 15 below, from December 1st to May 15th, night-time permit parking between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. shall be on alternate sides of the street each day, as indicated by the parking permit issued, and no person shall allow a vehicle to be or parked on the side of a highway so designated and indicated on the parking permit issued.

5. - (2) No person shall park a vehicle on any highway during the hours of 12:00 midnight to 7:00 a.m. from December 1st in one year, to May 15th of the following year, inclusive, except physicians on emergency calls and operators of authorized emergency vehicles.

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Parking Prohibited

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Parking Restricted

5. - (2) No person shall park a vehicle on any highway during the hours of 12:00 midnight to 7:00 a.m. from December 1st in one year, to March 31st of the following year, inclusive, except physicians on emergency calls and operators of authorized emergency vehicles.

Request for Recommendation Traffic Committee



Type of Decision

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| Meeting Date | December 3, 2009 | | | | Report Date | November 25, 2009 | | | |
| Recommendation | | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No | Priority | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | High | | Low |
| | Direction Only | | | | Type of Meeting | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Open | | Closed |

Report Title

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Policy Implications + Budget Impact

This report and recommendation(s) have been reviewed by the Finance Division and the funding source has been identified

☒ Background attached

Recommendation

That the overnight parking prohibition during winter months that currently ends on March 31st be extended to and including May 15th of each year, and;

That the by-law be passed by City Council to amend Traffic and Parking By-Law 2001-1 in the City of Greater Sudbury to implement the recommended change all in accordance with the report from the General Manager of Infrastructure Services, dated November 25, 2009.

Recommendation attached

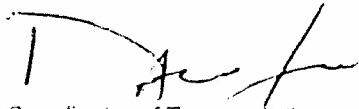
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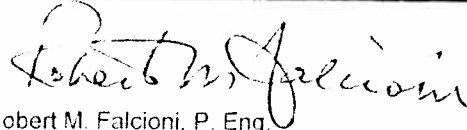
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Background:

The City's Traffic and Parking By-Law 2001-1 currently prohibits the parking of vehicles on any highway during the hours of 12:00 midnight to 7:00 a.m., from December 1st to March 31st. These restrictions are in place to facilitate the clearing and removal of snow during the winter months. The Roads and Transportation's Operation's Division has identified a significant problem with parked vehicles on the road during spring street sweeping operations. To facilitate this operation they have requested that the overnight parking restrictions be extended to from March 31st to May 15th.

In recent years, April snow storms have become a more common occurrence. Once snow and ice has melted, the City undertakes a comprehensive street sweeping operation on all roadways to remove the winter sand that has accumulated during the winter months. The street sweeping operation involves the deployment of thirteen (13) street sweepers and several sidewalk sweepers and takes approximately six (6) weeks to complete. The presence of parked cars on the street hampers this operation resulting in having to go around the parked cars and having to return to the street at a later time for a second pass. This results in additional cost, and delays the completion of the program. Extending the overnight parking restriction will greatly reduce the problems that are currently encountered. As spring clean up proceeds and each area of the city is completed, the enforcement of the bylaw will be suspended.

It is recommended that the Traffic and Parking By-law be amended to extend the overnight parking restrictions to May 15th each year and that the change become effective upon passing of this By-law. Should Council approve the recommendation, Staff will readvertise the change to keep the public informed. Staff will also arrange to change the regulatory signs that are posted at entry points into the local community.

