

One-Way Street and Parking Restrictions – Lagace Street, Sudbury

Council received a request from area residents to review traffic operations on Lagace Street due to the difficulties they were having travelling on the road when vehicles are parked on both sides of the road. The area residents asked the City to consider parking restrictions and designate Lagace Street as a “One-Way”, street.

Lagace Street is located east of Notre Dame Avenue in Sudbury (see Exhibit ‘A’). This roadway has an operating width of approximately 7 metres with no shoulders or sidewalks. Currently, parking is allowed on both sides of the roadway. Most residents on the west side of the road have driveways and garages while most residents on the east side have parking in their front yard and very close to the road.

The primary function of a public road is for the safe and efficient movement of traffic. On-street parking may be considered when this criteria is met. Due to the width of Lagace Street, when vehicles are parked on both sides the road, it becomes difficult for area residents to drive on the road and access to abutting properties is restricted.

While there are a number of advantages to making Lagace Street “One-Way”, there are also a number of disadvantages. Travel distance will increase, especially for residents who live near both ends of the street. Traffic volumes will also increase at the north end of the street. In addition, some residents may choose to travel in the wrong direction to save time, and unfamiliar drivers may go the wrong way by mistake.

To improve safety and best meet the needs of residents, staff recommend that Lagace Street be designated as a “One-Way” street for northbound traffic between the south intersection of Murray Street and the north intersection of Murray Street and that parking be prohibited on the west side of Lagace Street from the north intersection of Murray Street to 120 metres south of the north intersection of Murray Street. The portion of Lagace Street south of 314 Lagace Street will continue to operate as a two-way street in order to maintain access to the abutting properties. Councillor Landry-Altmann has conducted a poll of Lagace Street residents. The result of the poll indicates that the majority of residents support the recommendations.