

**COMMUNICATION 131011**

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Addressed To: Committee of the Whole  
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Topic: Parking By-law Amendment

**SUMMARY**

This is a further report to Communication 130213 considered at the November 26, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting. At that meeting, staff proposed a parking by-law amendment that was deferred to a later date to allow staff to complete a closer review of all streets in the Town of Carleton Place.

This amendment was brought to Council because of increased traffic on roads due to growth. To better manage parking and to ensure safety concerns are addressed in certain neighbourhoods, staff proposes that for some streets, parking only be permitted on one side of the street and for the narrowest streets, parking on both sides be prohibited. However, staff requires more time to complete the research and review all streets. In the interim, Staff recommends immediately eliminating parking on one (1) side of four (4) specific streets that pose a serious safety hazard.

**BACKGROUND**

During the November 26, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting, staff and Council agreed to defer the report until further study of the streets is completed and reviewed. More time and research are needed before staff can provide Council with a complete list of proposed streets. Until a list is brought back to Council in early 2020 for Council for review, staff proposes immediately eliminating parking on one (1) side of four (4) specific streets that pose a serious safety hazard.

As discussed during the November 26 meeting, over the last decade, Carleton Place has seen significant growth. A significant increase in traffic has resulted on Town streets as a result of growth. Many streets in Carleton Place are not wide enough to facilitate parking on both sides of the street without safety issues such as low visibility, sufficient space for traffic flow and limited or inadequate space for the movement of emergency vehicles and snow removal equipment. This is creating a serious safety hazard as emergency vehicles need to respond to scenes as quickly as possible with little interference and snow removal equipment needs to be able to clear streets for the safe movement of traffic.

In recent years, there have been situations where cars have parked on both sides of narrow streets, blocking fire trucks from responding to emergency calls. Serious time is lost when fire trucks need to back up and find alternate routes to an emergency scene. This is also stressful for first responders who are trying to do their jobs as efficiently as possible.

Snow plow operators are also challenged during the winter months to clear snow due to vehicles parking on both sides of narrow streets. Attempting to maneuver heavy equipment around vehicles is difficult and time consuming and also poses a liability if damage to vehicles occurs.

Further, staff often receive complaints from residents who live on the narrower streets who are unable to exit their driveways or make it through an area when cars are parked on both sides of their street.

Eliminating parking on one (1) side of four (4) specific streets as detailed below will reduce the most hazardous areas and provide easier access for emergency vehicles and snowplows.

## **DISCUSSION**

As staff continue with further research and a detailed overview of all streets in Town, we propose immediately eliminating parking on one side of 4 specific streets that currently pose a serious safety hazard as follows:

<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>	<b>Column 3 Between</b>	<b>Column 4 Prohibited Days /Times</b>
Bridge St.	West	Mailey Dr. & 180m north	Anytime
Code Cres.	Even addresses	Morris St & Morris St.	Anytime
Code Cres.	9m in each direction from the fire hydrant adjacent to 39 Code Cres.		Anytime
King St.	South	Francis St & Park Ave	Anytime
Riddell St.	Odd addresses	Flegg Way & Rathwell St.	Anytime

Council can expect an updated list of all proposed streets in early 2020 once research and analysis has been completed.

Attached to this report is the proposed amended by-law.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There will be minimal financial implications tied to the approval of this by-law. Financial implications will be related to the installation of signage by Staff can be accommodated within the operations budget.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

THAT a By-law to amend parking on four (4) Town streets to one side of the street be forwarded to Council for approval.