

COMMUNICATION 131114

Received From: Guy Bourgon, Director of Public Works
Addressed To: Committee of the Whole
Date: October 27, 2020
Topic: Lake Avenue West Restrictions

BACKGROUND

The Town of Carleton Place has received a request from Carleton Place High School and St. Mary's Catholic School for the installation of no stopping signs on both sides of Lake Avenue West between Hawthorne Avenue and Mississippi Road during bus loading and unloading times. This request was made by the schools to address what they consider to be serious safety concerns during peak times.

DISCUSSION:

Under Traffic and Parking By-law 46-2003, there presently exists a Bus Loading Zone on the north side of Lake Avenue West between Hawthorne Avenue and Mississippi Road. The By-law however fails to identify any parking or stopping restrictions on either side of Lake Avenue West through this Section of roadway, even though a combination of "no stopping" signage from Hawthorne Avenue to the ball diamond and "no parking" signage from the ball diamond to Mississippi Road exists on the south side of the roadway. Therefore, the existing signage is rendered unenforceable.

The request from the two schools relate to their current busing schedules for drop-off and pick-up, which are staggered from one another. Currently, vehicles continue to drop off passengers at all hours in this area without regard to the Bus Loading Zone. In order to accommodate both schools, staff proposes to institute a "no stopping" zone on both sides of Lake Avenue between Hawthorne Avenue and Mississippi Road between the times of 7:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. It is also recommended that a "no parking" zone be created under the by-law for the south side of Lake Avenue West between Hawthorne Avenue and Mississippi Road to formalize the restriction that is currently signed.

The proposed amendments to the Traffic and Parking By-law will, in addition to the restrictions discussed above, include a "no parking" restriction for the south side of Lake Avenue West between Bridge Street and MacArthur Street as this signage is also in place without enforceability.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approves amending Traffic and Parking By-law 46-2003 as outlined in the report prepared by the Director of Public Works dated October 27, 2020.