

COMMUNICATION 132085

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Topic: Amendment to Traffic and Parking By-law 46-2003

SUMMARY

Staff has recently been notified of concerns regarding both the municipal parking lot beside 11 Beckwith Street (Market Square), as well as parking along the street immediately adjacent to Market Square.

As per the Development Permit agreement for 11 Beckwith Street, Market Square Apartments, the development was granted approval 13 visitor parking as well as 14 commercial parking spaces spots in the municipal lot. Unfortunately, staff has been receiving complaints about 11 Beckwith Street residents using the Market Square parking lot as their main parking area, and also using on-street parking spaces used for Market Square.

In addition, staff was made aware of traffic concerns on McGregor Street adjacent to the commercial plaza at Coleman Street.

Staff therefore recommends three (3) changes to the Traffic and Parking By-law as follows:

1. That parking within the Market Square Parking Lot be restricted to a maximum of two (2) hours;
2. That the seven (7) parking spaces on the east side of Beckwith Street adjacent to the Market Square building between Lake Ave. East and the entrance to Market Square be designated as 2-hour maximum parking spaces; and
3. That "no parking" restrictions be added on the east side of McGregor Street from Coleman Street to Miguel Street to help with the congestion on the street resulting from the busy commercial property entrance and the multi-unit property development.

BACKGROUND

Staff has been in contact with the property manager of the 11 Beckwith Street development to discuss a solution to the parking problem. The property manager also sent a letter to all of the tenants to remind them that the use of the parking lot is for visitors only and not their own use. To facilitate the enforcement of the use of parking, and to ensure that the parking spaces are not being used by tenants, staff will create 13 visitors parking passes that will be distributed by 11 Beckwith Street property managers when tenants register a visitor and designated spaces within the Market Square parking lot, though not exclusive, will be assigned for this purpose.

Staff is also recommending a maximum 2-hour parking limit in the Market Square parking lot and on Beckwith Street between Lake Ave. East and the entrance of Market Square to ensure that vehicles are not parked in them indefinitely.

Also, due to high congestion arising from a busy commercial property entrance and a multi-unit property on part of McGregor Street, staff would like to add a “no parking” restriction on the east side of McGregor Street from Coleman Street to Miguel Street.

DISCUSSION

The Traffic and Parking By-law will be amended to ensure it reflects the recommended changes, and signage indicating the parking restrictions will be installed in the affected areas.

The use of parking passes will enable By-law Enforcement Officers to easily identify those vehicles that are permitted to park in one of the 13 visitor parking spaces.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The only financial implication related to the proposed by-law amendments is the cost of signage installation, which can be accommodated within existing operational budgets.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

THAT a By-law to amend Traffic and Parking By-law 46-2003 to enact parking restrictions in the following locations be forwarded to Council for approval:

- 2-hour parking maximum - Market Square parking lot
- 2-hour parking maximum - between Lake Ave. East and the entrance to Market Square
- “No parking” restriction on the east side of McGregor Street from Coleman Street to Miguel Street.