

Notice of Motion

Temporary Moratorium on Installation of On-Street Bicycle Lanes on Residential Streets

Moved by: Councillor Rea Seconded by Councillor Irish

Whereas the City is committed to enhancing active transportation infrastructure, including the expansion of bicycle lanes to promote safety, sustainability, and mobility; and

Whereas the installation of bicycle lanes on certain residential streets may result in the removal or significant reduction of on-street parking; and

Whereas many residential neighbourhoods were designed with limited driveway capacity and rely on on-street parking to accommodate visitors, caregivers, tradespersons, contractors, landscaping services, and short-term household needs; and

Whereas the loss of on-street parking without viable alternatives will create challenges for residents and negatively impact neighbourhood functionality; and

Whereas Council recognizes the need to balance active transportation objectives with practical residential parking requirements;

Now therefore be it resolved that:

1. A temporary moratorium be placed on the approval and installation of new bicycle lanes on residential streets where such installation would eliminate or materially reduce existing on-street parking; and
2. This moratorium remain in effect until staff report back to Council with:
 - a. A comprehensive review of the impacts of on-street bike lanes on residential parking supply;
 - b. Viable options and recommendations to address visitor parking, short-term parking for contractors and service providers, and seasonal landscaping needs;
 - c. That public consultation be undertaken with affected neighbourhoods prior to the commencement of design and implementation work: and
3. That any residential bike lane projects currently in the planning or design phase be paused pending the outcome of the staff report.