
SUBJECT: Main Street Unionville Proposed Parking Prohibition (Ward 3)

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RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) That the report entitled “Main Street Unionville Proposed Parking Prohibition (Ward 3),” be received; and
- 2) That Schedule “C” of Parking By-law 2005-188 be amended to temporarily rescind the existing parking prohibition on the west side of Main Street Unionville, from Station Lane to a point 23m north of Victoria Avenue, until the later of September 8, 2020 or the end of the Ontario Declaration of Emergency; and
- 3) That Schedule “C” of Parking By-law 2005-188 be amended to temporarily rescind the existing parking prohibition on the west side of Main Street Unionville, from a point 24m north of Fred Varley Drive to Carlton Road, until the later of September 8, 2020 or the end of the Ontario Declaration of Emergency; and
- 4) That Schedule “C” of Parking By-law 2005-188 be amended to temporarily prohibit parking at any time on the west side of Main Street Unionville, from Station Lane to a point 23m north of Victoria Avenue, until the later of September 8, 2020 or the end of the Ontario Declaration of Emergency; and
- 5) That Schedule “C” of Parking By-law 2005-188 be amended to temporarily prohibit parking at any time on the west side of Main Street Unionville, from a point 24m north of Fred Varley Drive to Carlton Road, until the later of September 8, 2020 or the end of the Ontario Declaration of Emergency; and
- 6) That the cost of materials, installation and future removal of the regulatory signs in the amount of \$1,500 be funded from COVID-19 operating account # 330-330-4580 (Traffic Signs/Supplies); and
- 7) That the By-law Enforcement, Licensing & Regulatory Services be directed to enforce the parking prohibition upon installation of the signs and passing of the by-law; and
- 8) That Council delegate authority to the Director of Engineering in consultation with the Director of Operations to amend parking, traffic and speed limit by-laws, where required, in order to promptly respond to traffic operations and safety concerns arising during the COVID-19 pandemic until such time as this authority is repealed by Council; and further,

- 9) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

PURPOSE:

This report recommends that parking be prohibited at any time on the west side of Main Street Unionville, from Station Lane to Carlton Road. The recommendation to prohibit parking is to provide additional space for pedestrians to comply with the physical distancing guideline during the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent recovery efforts.

BACKGROUND:

Since the Ontario Declaration of Emergency in March 2020, Staff has been considering various initiatives to maintain physical distancing. Staff also received a request from the ward councillor and the Unionville BIA with suggestions for Main Street Unionville to facilitate improved pedestrian movements and achieve the appropriate physical distancing guideline during the COVID-19 pandemic. Each of these initiatives was studied to assess their feasibility.

Main Street Unionville is a 2-lane minor collector road with an average daily traffic volume of 5,200 vehicles. Between Station Lane and Carlton Road, parking is prohibited at any time on the east side of Main Street Unionville. On the west side, parking is permitted on the boulevard during certain time periods. During the June – September period, parking is restricted from 6:00pm – 6:00am, Monday to Friday, and at any time on weekends and holidays.

DISCUSSION:**Parking is currently permitted on the west boulevard.**

The subject portion of Main Street Unionville has a variable road width of 6.5 metres to 7 metres. The curbs are mountable, allowing vehicles to drive onto and park on the west boulevard (parking is prohibited on the east side). The west boulevard has a total width of 4 metres, comprising of a 1.5 metre concrete sidewalk and a 2.5 metre interlocking paver boulevard. On a typical day, there are parked vehicles on the boulevard. These parked vehicles can obstruct the movement of pedestrians, particularly when there are many pedestrians.

Restricting parking on the west boulevard will allow more space to achieve the physical distancing guideline.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Public Health Ontario has recommended staying at least 2 metres away from other people whenever possible to help stop the spread of COVID-19. As weather conditions improve and a phased reopening of local businesses occurs in the coming weeks or months, there will be an increase in the number of pedestrians on Main Street Unionville. In order to maintain physical distancing, the existing parking activity on the west boulevard should be prohibited.

Prohibiting parking on the west side of Main Street Unionville is recommended.

If vehicles are prohibited from parking on the west boulevard of Main Street Unionville, between Station Lane and Carlton Road (see Attachment “A”), the 2.5 metre wide boulevard space and the 1.5 metre wide sidewalk will be made available for pedestrians. By making the full 4-metre width of the west boulevard available for pedestrians only, the 2-metre physical distancing guideline can be achievable.

The recommended parking prohibition is intended to be in effect during the COVID-19 pandemic and while physical distancing guideline still apply. While in effect, City staff will continue to monitor pedestrian activities and if necessary, consider additional measures to maintain physical distancing guideline.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The cost of materials, installation and future removal of the regulatory signs in the amount of \$1,500 will be funded from COVID-19 account # 330-330-4580 (Traffic Signs/Supplies). On-going maintenance costs will be managed within the Operations Department’s existing operating budget; therefore, there is no incremental impact to the operating budget. There is no incremental life cycle impact.

HUMAN RESOURCES CONSIDERATIONS

Not Applicable.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

The recommendations are intended to improve the safe and efficient movement of pedestrians on Main Street Unionville during the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, the recommendations align with the City’s Strategic Plan goal of a “Safe & Sustainable Community”.

BUSINESS UNITS CONSULTED AND AFFECTED:

Operations Department has been consulted and supports the recommendations in this report.

RECOMMENDED BY:

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ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment “A” – Proposed Parking Prohibition Map

Attachment “B” – Proposed By-Law Amendment