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## **Erie Street Parking Lot Improvements Open House Questions, Comments and Responses**

The following list includes questions, comments and responses generated from the Erie Street Parking Lot Improvements Open House, held March 6, 2019, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the City Hall Auditorium.

**Question 1:** Will there be development on the site or a parking structure?

**Response 1:** No it is not anticipated that development will be considered. A parking structure is being considered, along with a variety of other options.

**Question 2:** Will a parking study be undertaken?

**Response 2:** No a parking study will not be undertaken. The study completed in 2015/16 advised there is sufficient parking in the downtown core and this study accounted for changes to the parking inventory such as the removal of parking spaces in Market Square

**Question 3:** When would construction commence?

**Response 3:** The earliest start date for construction is March 2020.

**Question 4:** How would construction be completed, in one phase or two?

**Response 4:** While it would depend on the design, construction could be completed in two phases to limit the impact on residents and businesses. Consultation would be undertaken on preference for completing construction in one or two phases.

**Question 5:** What is the purpose of the Erie Street Parking Lot Improvement project?

**Response 5:** Purpose is to develop and plan for addressing infrastructure deficiencies and issues. This process will consider all options including, but not limited to, keeping the lot status quo, reconstruction and a parking garage.

**Question 6:** Will accessible parking spaces be maintained?

**Response 6:** Yes, accessible parking spaces will be maintained.

**Question 7:** How many spaces were proposed to be lost with the original design for the lot?

**Response 7:** It was suggested 30 spaces were going to be lost with the original design presented in 2014 but that number could not be confirmed.

**Question 8:** How many parking spaces could be lost and what will affect the number of lost spaces?

**Response 8:** Until a design is completed we are unable to advise how many spaces could be lost. The intent is to maintain or increase the number of parking spaces, however the City needs to comply with current City standards outlined in the Zoning By-law which could affect future designs.

**Question 9:** Is this project redundant if the Cooper site is developed?

**Response 9:** No, the infrastructure in the Erie Street parking lot has reached its end of life and improvements will have to be made to ensure it is safe for use and there is not a timeline for development at the Cooper site.

**Question 10:** If a parking structure is not added at Cooper and one is required at the Erie Street parking lot does it make this work redundant?

**Response 10:** No, improvements still need to be made at the Erie Street parking lot as the infrastructure has reached its end of life.

**Question 11:** It was questioned why this project is being considered now?

**Response 11:** Following the failure of infrastructure in the lot in 2018 staff identified the need to develop a plan for addressing the infrastructure issues in the lot. As part of this review, staff are considering all options.

**Comment 1:** Consideration should be given to mailing notices to all residents in the City or including information in the tax bill.

**Comment 2:** Single space meters should be put back in the lots and the pay and display machines removed.

**Comment 3:** Parking spaces should be maintained or increased.

**Comment 4:** The parking lot should remain status quo.

**Comment 5:** Additional 30 minute spaces should be added.

**Comment 6:** The infrastructure issues should be addressed but the lot should remain as is.

**Comment 7:** Concern with removal of any entrance of the lot as it is difficult for delivery trucks to enter and navigate through to complete loading/un-loading. Reduction to two entrances will result in traffic back-up as turning left onto Erie Street is difficult during festival season.

**Comment 8:** Concern with creating one lot as grading will affect businesses with steps at rear entrances.

**Comment 9:** We do not need a pretty parking lot, but it can be prettier.

**Comment 10:** A parking structure should not be added to the Erie Parking Lot.

**Comment 11:** Consideration should be given to adding a parking structure to the Erie Lot.

**Comment 12:** Underground parking should be considered as an option.

The following comments were listed on the "I want to see..." display board:

1. Minimal to no loss of parking
2. A structure, multi-level
3. Increased parking, new structure
4. Possible retail/residential, multi-use building
5. No loss of parking
6. Below grade structure
7. Condo or hotel above to generate property taxes
8. Increase in spaces
9. Parking where the stores are, close, convenient
10. No loss of parking
11. No loss of parking spaces
12. Repair the asphalt and stairs as needed
13. Remove the flower boxes in the parking area and on Erie Street
14. No loss of parking – shelter over parking pay stations
15. No loss of parking!
16. 52 gone for a cement pad behind City Hall, enough!
17. No loss of parking
18. Maintain 3 entrance
19. Maintain grade
20. Fix infrastructure while preserving parking spots and keep spending to a minimum
21. One parking lot, one way in, one way out. Space for delivery trucks (Large)