



MANAGEMENT REPORT

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To: Mayor and Council
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Attachments: Avon West Subdivision Map

Title: Brown Street and Thomas Street Parking By-Law Amendment

Objective: To amend Traffic and Parking By-Law 159-2008 to consider parking restrictions on Brown Street and Thomas Street.

Background: Residents of Brown Street and Thomas Street have expressed safety concerns about the school bus stop location. Currently, school buses do not enter the subdivision, resulting in up to seven buses stopping at each intersection on O'Loane Avenue. This situation results in traffic congestion along O'Loane Avenue during peak morning and afternoon periods, with additional congestion occurring on Brown Street and Thomas Street due to parents parking opposite one another at the communal bus stops.

Huron Perth Student Transportation Services (HPSTS) is interested in rerouting all buses to enter the subdivision. However, they have concerns about their operators navigating around vehicles parked on the street, especially at the horizontal curves and when vehicles are parked across from one another. Similarly, the Public Works Division has also noted challenges with winter operations due to these same parking issues.

Both Thomas Street and Brown Street, each 8.5 meters wide, currently allow parking on both sides and are classified as local residential streets. The roadway geometry of the subdivision meets provincial standards.

Analysis: Vehicles parked across from one another are in contravention of the following clauses of the City Traffic and Parking By-law 159-2008:

Section 8 (1) h), j), and t) and Section 8 (2):

No Parking In Unposted Locations

8. (1) No person shall park a vehicle in any of the following places during the specified times:

- h) on any street in a manner which obstructs traffic at any time.
 - j) on any roadway, shoulder, or City parking lot between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., unless otherwise designated.
 - t) in a manner that obstructs municipal snow clearing operations.
- (2) No person shall stand or park any vehicle directly opposite another vehicle which is already standing/parking on the other side of the street, where such standing or parking would prevent the free passage of the two lines of traffic; or where, unless otherwise permitted in this by-law, the roadway is less than 30 feet (9.144 meters).

Staff recommend implementing parking restrictions along the three horizontal curves and undertaking a public education campaign to inform subdivision residents of the permitted on-street parking provisions under the by-law. The campaign will include distributing a letter to all households within the subdivision and increasing the presence of Parking By-law Enforcement Officers during the school pick-up and drop-off hours.

On-street parking will be monitored throughout the upcoming winter season and additional restrictions may be warranted if compliance with the Traffic and Parking By-law is not achieved.

Representatives from the HPSTS, Huron Perth District School Board, Avon Maitland District School, Stratford Police Services and Public Works Department have expressed their support with the proposed parking restrictions and public education campaign.

Financial Implications:

Financial impact to current year operating budget:

The installation of new signage to support the proposed parking restrictions can be funded through the current year's operating budget.

Financial impact on future year operating budget:

Ongoing maintenance, repair, or replacement costs for the proposed signage are anticipated to have a minimal impact on the future operating budgets.

Link to asset management plan and strategy:

The installation of new parking restriction signage is aligned with the City's Asset Management Plan and Strategy by maintaining and managing traffic control assets.

Alignment with Strategic Priorities:

Mobility, Accessibility and Design Excellence

Improving ways to get around, to and from Stratford by public transit, active transportation, and private vehicle.

Developing our Resources

Optimizing Stratford's physical assets and digital resources. Planning a sustainable future for Stratford's resources and environment.

Alignment with One Planet Principles:

Equity and Local Economy

Creating safe, equitable places to live and work which support local prosperity and international fair trade.

Travel and Transport

Reducing the need to travel, encouraging walking, cycling and low carbon transport.

Staff Recommendation: THAT Schedule 2, No Parking, of the Traffic and Parking By-law 159-2008, be amended by adding the following new provisions:

| Street | Side | Between | Period |
|----------------------|--------------|---|----------------|
| Brown Street | South | From a point 19 metres north of the Russel Drive north curb to a point 48 metres northern therefrom | Anytime |
| Thomas Street | South | From a point 21 metres east of the Brown Street east curb to a point 131 metres easterly therefrom | Anytime |
| Thomas Street | South | From a point 157.5 metres west of the O'Loane Avenue west curb to a point 10 metres westerly therefrom | Anytime |

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