

Town of Whitby

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Report Title: Update Traffic By-law - No Parking on Hunter Street

Report to: Committee of the Whole

Date of meeting: June 10, 2024

Report Number: PDE 05-24

Department(s) Responsible:

Planning and Development Department
(Engineering Services)

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1. Recommendation:

1. That Council approve the proposed amendment to Traffic By-law 8059-24, to incorporate the changes to Schedule B of the By-law, as identified in Attachment No. 2.
2. That a By-law to amend By-law 8059-24 be brought forward for the consideration of Council.

2. Highlights:

- Concerns related to the ability of Emergency Services to travel on Hunter Street, when significant on-street parking is experienced, have been received.
- Fire Services have been consulted and have indicated that, due to the narrow asphalt width, a No Parking restriction should be provided on one side of the road.
- The asphalt width of Hunter Street is 7.0 meters(m). This is less than the typical minimum pavement width of 8.5m.
- Considering the location of the sidewalk, the No Parking restriction is proposed on the north side of the road.

3. Background:

Hunter Street is classified as a local road in the Town's Official Plan. It connects Kendalwood Road and Powell Road and is south of Dundas Street. Typically, roads have a minimum pavement width of 8.5m, however, the road width of Hunter Street is 7.0m. There are currently no plans to urbanize or widen the pavement width.

There is a sidewalk on the south side of the road, which was constructed in 2017.

4. Discussion:

Concerns related to significant on-street parking occurring on both sides of the road have highlighted the challenges that Fire Services would experience should there be an emergency on Hunter Street. The narrow pavement width, along with vehicles parked on both sides of the roadway, could result in Emergency Services vehicles being unable to pass, compromising emergency response times.

Transportation Services staff consulted with Fire Services, and it was requested that one side of roadway be signed No Parking. As the sidewalk is located on the south side of the road, No Parking is proposed on the north side to allow drivers and passengers access to the sidewalk. The number of driveways along the corridor was also taken into consideration. Refer to Attachment No. 1 for the subject street location and the proposed restriction.

5. Financial Considerations:

The cost of manufacturing and installation of the signage is expected to be in the order of \$1,500 and will be funded from Capital Project # 40236405 for Traffic Signage and Pavement Markings Initiatives approved through the 2024 Capital Budget process.

6. Communication and Public Engagement:

Notification of Report PDE 05-24 was delivered to the homes on Hunter Street.

7. Input from Departments/Sources:

A No Parking restriction would be enforced by Parking Services. Staff are aware of the proposed restriction. The signage is anticipated to be installed by Operational Services. If Operational Services does not have capacity to install the signage, a tender process would be used.

8. Strategic Priorities:

Report PDE 05-24 supports Pillar 1 and Pillar 4 priorities of the Community Strategic Plan. Specifically, the Pillar 1 area of focus is to improve community safety. This is accomplished through ensuring access for Emergency Services. Pillar 4 is premised on transparent and open decision-making, meaningful engagement, and a commitment to continuous improvement.

Accessibility of road users has been taken into consideration as parking on both sides of a narrow roadway limits all users. However, it is noted that a vehicle displaying a valid accessible permit is able to park within a signed No Parking area.

9. Attachments:

Attachment 1: Proposed No Parking

Attachment 2: Draft By-law to Update Traffic By-law 8059-24