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Committee of the Whole Report

DATE: Monday, September 17, 2018 **WARD(S):** 1

TITLE: CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST TO REMOVE OR RELOCATE PARKING BOLLARDS IN KLEINBURG VILLAGE

FROM:

Tim Simmonds, Chief Corporate Initiatives and Intergovernmental Relations

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To seek Council authorization to create a 2018 capital project that will be funded from the Kleinburg Parking Reserve. A capital project to remove or relocate certain bollards in Kleinburg Village in 2018 is being proposed, at the request of the Board of Management of the Kleinburg Business Improvement Area, to create up to ten new parking spaces.

Report Highlights

- Parking in Kleinburg Village is a priority in the ongoing development of the neighborhood's commercial core.
- A request from the Board of Management of the Kleinburg Business Improvement Area (KBIA), and the Kleinburg and Area Ratepayers Association (KARA) initiated a staff investigation into the removal of certain bollards in Kleinburg Village. The investigation showed that up to 12 bollards can be removed or relocated, creating up to 10 parking spaces.
- Staff is recommending a capital project for 2018 be created, with a total budget of \$4,000, funded from the Kleinburg Parking Reserve.
- A Kleinburg Village Parking Study will be conducted in 2019 to identify opportunities for accommodating the area's long-term need for parking.

Recommendations

- 1. That, a 2018 capital project with a budget in the amount of \$4,000 (inclusive of administration recovery and applicable taxes) be created, funded by the Kleinburg Parking Reserve, to remove or relocate certain bollards in Kleinburg Village in 2018 to create up to ten parking spaces.
- 2. That, Council amend Schedule "A" Part 1 of Parking By-law 1-96, as amended, to remove a parking prohibition on the east side of Islington Avenue, from 65 meters south of John Street to John Street.
- 3. That, Council amend Schedule "A" Part 1 of Parking By-law 1-96, as amended, to add a parking prohibition on the east side of Islington Avenue, from 65 meters south of John Street to 16 meters south of John Street.
- 4. That, inclusion of this matter on a Public Committee or Council agenda with respect to the capital budget request as identified above be deemed sufficient notice pursuant to Section 2(1)(c) of By-Law 394-2002, as amended.

Background

Ongoing commercial growth in the Kleinburg Village core has put a strain on existing vehicle parking spots. The Kleinburg Economic Development Strategy (KEDS) has identified this as an important issue for the development of Kleinburg.

In 2011, the City of Vaughan undertook the Kleinburg Economic Development Strategy, (KEDS), which identified limited public parking as a barrier to sustained economic growth. An update to the KEDS was conducted in 2016. The 2016 update identified several successes, however, parking remained an outstanding barrier. Existing public parking options in the area are limited to boulevard parking on Islington Avenue and Nashville Road.

The Kleinburg Business Improvement Area (KBIA) initiated a request for the City to remove certain bollards in the core to create new parking spaces. Staff have investigated and identified up to twelve bollards that can be removed or relocated, creating up to ten parking spaces. The KBIA has endorsed the findings by staff in a letter to the City, dated July 7, 2018.

Furthermore, the City will be conducting a Parking Study in Kleinburg in 2019 to explore opportunities and additional alternatives for long-term need for parking.

Previous Reports/Authority

Kleinburg Economic Development Strategy, 2011

Kleinburg Economic Development Strategy Update, 2016

Analysis and Options

Staff from Economic and Cultural Development, Planning and Growth Management, and Transportation Services, Parks and Forestry Operations (TSPFO), Public Works have identified up to twelve bollards that can be removed or relocated to create up to ten new parking spots.

Up to twelve bollards have been identified along Islington Avenue and Nashville Road. Their removal and/or relocation will create up to ten parking spaces. The bollards identified for removal/relocation do not have any adverse effect on public safety or the flow of traffic.

Staff in TSPFO will manage all construction aspects of this bollard removal project. This project will be completed 2-3 days after initiation. Work can begin in late September 2018 based on Council approval.

A minor amendment to the City's Parking By-law will be required for the proposed bollard removal.

Financial Impact

The capital project, in the amount of \$4,000, can be funded by the Kleinburg Parking Reserve which has sufficient funds to accommodate this request. The purpose of this Reserve, funded by cash-in-lieu revenue from future development in the Kleinburg community, is to support vehicle parking activities in that community.

The cost associated with the removal of the parking prohibition for the ten spaces on the Islington Avenue for snow removal is estimated to be \$10,000 annually.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

Kleinburg Village is one of York Region's leading travel and commercial neighborhoods.

Conclusion

Parking remains a barrier to development in Kleinburg Village. The City of Vaughan and local stakeholders, led by the KBIA, have identified an increase in Kleinburg Village's parking supply as an opportunity for growth in the commercial core.

With the allocation of a small capital budget, the City can make a significant impact on this pressing issue.

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Attachments

Kleinburg Business Improvement Area Letter, July 4, 2018

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