

Committee of the Whole (2) Report

DATE: Tuesday, December 10, 2019

WARD(S): ALL

TITLE: TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE PARKING BY-LAW

FROM:

Mary Reali, Deputy City Manager, Community Services

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

The recommendations of this report repeal Schedule 8 of the Parking By-law, as it is redundant given existing permitting requirements, and revises amendments made in 2017 with respect to parking restrictions at the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre (“VMC”).

Report Highlights

- As part of its by-law review process, staff continue to identify opportunities to rationalize and simplify City by-laws, such as deleting Schedule 8, which is obsolete given the City’s existing parking permitting provisions.
- Since the opening of the subway station at the VMC IN 2018, the SmartCentres Place Bus Terminal has also been completed and come into full operation, allowing staff to amend provisional parking restrictions, set in place in 2017. This will accommodate enhancements to the traffic flow in the Mobility Hub of the VMC.

Recommendations

1. THAT Parking By-law 064-2019, as amended, be further amended by deleting Schedule 8 – Overnight Parking Permitted, and reserving it for future use;
2. THAT By-law 169-2017 be amended by deleting section 3;
3. THAT Parking By-law 064-2019, as amended, be further amended as follows:
 - (a) Add the following sections to Part 6.0:

- (8) Despite Section 6.0(7) and Schedule 13, no person shall *Park* or *Stop* a vehicle at any time on the north or south side of New Park Place, between the limits of 9 metres west of Millway Avenue and 16 metres west of Millway Avenue, with the exception of vehicles with a valid *Accessible Parking Permit* and vehicles used primarily for the conveyance of passengers with disabilities, including accessible taxicabs and paratransit, which may stop to a maximum of ten minutes any time for purpose of picking up or dropping off passengers with accessibility needs.

- (b) Amend Schedule 1 – No Parking by replacing the entry for New Park Place, South Side, with the following:

Highway	Side	From and To	Prohibited Time of Day
New Park Place	South	From the east limit of Edgeley Boulevard to 87 metres west of Millway Avenue	Anytime

- (c) Amend Schedule 3 – No Stopping by replacing the entry for New Park Place, South Side, with the following:

Highway	Side	From and To	Prohibited Time of Day
New Park Place	South	From the east limit of Edgeley Boulevard to 87 metres west of Millway Avenue	7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday

- (d) Amend Schedule 10 - Offences and Corresponding Administrative Monetary Penalties, by adding the following in the appropriate sequence:

Section	Description	Fine Amount
6.0(8)	Stop or park in area designated for public transit	\$ 100
6.0(9)	Stop or park in area designated for accessible vehicles	\$ 300

- (e) Add the following in alphabetical sequence to Schedule 13 – Parking Permitted, 10-Minute Maximum, as follows:

Highway	Side	From and To	Prohibited Time of Day
New Park Place	South	From 16 metres west of Millway Avenue to 87 metres west of Millway Avenue	Anytime
New Park Place	North	From 16 metres west of Millway Avenue to 84 metres west of Millway Avenue	Anytime

Background

A key objective of the Council approved By-law Strategy is that regulations be reflective of existing community needs. The Parking By-law was recently consolidated and updated, bringing together the original 1996 by-law and its 240 amendments made since then. The consolidation process was largely technical and included some 'housekeeping' amendments to ensure regulatory consistency. Given the scope of the project (i.e., 240 separate amendments spanning 23 years), staff continue to come across opportunities to rationalize and refine the By-law.

Previous Reports/Authority

Item No. 26 of Report No. 27 of the Committee of the Whole: [Parking By-law Consolidation and Regulatory Technical Amendments](#) (adopted by City Council on September 27, 2018)

Item No. 7 of Report No. 5 of the Finance, Administration and Audit Committee: [Millway Avenue Reconstruction Update Vaughan Metropolitan Centre Ward 4](#) (adopted by City Council on May 16, 2017)

Analysis and Options

Staff have identified the opportunity to rationalize some redundancies in the By-law, mainly eliminating Schedule 8 since the streets covered in that Schedule are currently already covered in Schedule 4 – On-Street Parking Permit. This amendment clarifies and affirms regulations previously adopted by Council.

In May of 2017, Council adopted a number of provisional traffic and parking-related regulations for the Mobility Hub at the VMC, driven in large part by the need to accommodate the opening of the subway and the subsequent delayed opening of the bus terminal.

The SmartCentres Place Bus Terminal opened for service on November 3, 2019, sparking a number of enhancements to the overall traffic flow in the area as identified in Attachment 1. These include:

- the addition of a south bound traffic lane on Millway Avenue, between Applemill Road and New Park Place which was previously occupied to accommodate a temporary bus stop location;
- five additional designated pick-up and drop-off spaces on the south side of New Park Place, between Millway Avenue and Edgeley Boulevard; and
- one additional designated accessible pick-up and drop-off space on the south side of New Park Place, west of Millway Avenue and adjacent to the VMC Subway Station.

The regulatory amendments proposed in this report will support these changes through the Parking By-law.

This report was prepared in consultation with Transportation Services and the Office of the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre Program.

Financial Impact

There is no anticipated impact to the City's existing or future budgets as a result of the recommendations of this report.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

No impacts are anticipated.

Conclusion

The proposed changes will contribute to the Term of Council strategic priorities for Good Governance, supporting openness, accessibility, and transparency in the City's parking regulations.

For more information, please contact: Gus Michaels, Director, By-law and Compliance, Licensing and Permit Services, and Chief Licensing Officer

Attachments

1. Map: Mobility Hub – New Park Place

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