

To: COUNCIL

Meeting Date: 7/22/2025

Subject: Traffic and Parking By-law Updates

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Report No.: 25-071-CD

File No.: C11

Wards Affected: All Wards

RECOMMENDATION(S):

THAT Report 25-071 CD, Traffic and Parking By-law Updates, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the By-law to amend Traffic and Parking By-law 22-044 included as Appendix A to Report 25-071-CD be passed.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to update the Traffic and Parking By-law.

Key Findings

Updates to the Traffic and Parking By-law include:

- Removal of parking on north side of Dando Avenue to accommodate accessible student transportation at Galt Collegiate Institute (GCI).
- Removal of a yield sign no longer needed at Beverly and Samuelson Streets.
- Addition of Jacob Hespeler Secondary School as a designated school zone to support the installation of a municipal speed camera.
- Revisions to parking restrictions near bus stops, as requested by Grand River Transit, to enhance visibility, accessibility, and transit user safety.

These changes support consistent traffic operations, align by-law provisions with existing field conditions, and address identified safety and accessibility needs.

Financial Implications

Some of the recommended revisions to the Traffic and Parking By-law will require signage changes in the field which is estimated to cost \$1000 and will be funded from the Transportation operating budget.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT:

☐ Strategic Action

Objective(s): Not Applicable

Strategic Action: Not Applicable

OR

☒ Core Service

Program: Transportation Management

Core Service: Traffic Operations

The recommendations of this report are intended to update traffic and parking regulations that are already in place but are missing from or require revisions within the Traffic and Parking By-law. Traffic and parking regulations provide a basis of how a roadway operates and contribute to providing a safe and efficient transportation network.

BACKGROUND:

Periodic revisions to the Traffic and Parking By-law are necessary for several important reasons, typically to reflect field conditions and evolving community needs. The proposed amendments will enhance public safety, support accessibility for all users, and ensure uniformity in traffic control, parking regulations, and school zone designations across the city.

ANALYSIS:

Dando Avenue, “No Parking” Restriction (Schedule 1, No Parking)

Galt Collegiate Institute (GCI) currently uses the front of the school for general student bus loading. However, due to the school's designation as a heritage building, internal

structural modifications to improve accessibility, such as adding ramps or elevators to bypass the front steps, are not feasible.

To address accessibility for students with mobility needs, the school collaborated with Student Transportation Services of Waterloo Region to develop an alternative solution. As a result, a small turnaround area was constructed on Dando Avenue to accommodate a smaller accessible bus, specifically for the transportation of students who use wheelchairs.

Given the narrow width of Dando Avenue and existing on-street parking, GCI submitted a request to prohibit parking on the north side of Dando Avenue, from Water Street North to the cul-de-sac. This change is necessary to ensure the accessible bus has sufficient space to maneuver safely and efficiently while picking up and dropping off students.

Beverly and Samuelson Street (Schedule 13, Intersection Yield Signs)

The yield sign at the intersection of Beverly Street and Samuelson Street has been removed following the reconstruction of the intersection, which included the elimination of the channel lane and construction of a standard “T” intersection with side street stop control (Samuelson).

Jacob Hespeler Secondary School (Schedule 27, School Zones)

Addition of Jacob Hespeler Secondary School to the list of designated School Zones, located at 355 Holiday Inn Drive, to allow for the installation of a Municipal Speed Camera on Holiday Inn Drive.

Citywide Traffic and Bylaw Update (Traffic & Parking Bylaw, General Provisions)

At the request of Grand River Transit and to support safety and accessibility for all transit users in the vicinity of bus stops, an amendment to the general provisions of the Traffic and Parking By-law is proposed. The update includes restricting parking within 30 metres on the approach side and 15 metres on the departure side of designated bus stops.

EXISTING POLICY / BY-LAW(S):

The City’s Traffic and Parking Bylaw was reviewed to determine the necessary updates.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The recommended Traffic and Parking By-law revisions related to Dando Avenue, will require signage changes in the field. The estimated cost for these changes is \$1000 and will be funded from the Transportation operating budget. There are no costs associated with the other revisions as there are no signage requirements or, in the case

of Beverly and Samuelson, signage costs are included as part of the capital reconstruction project.

PUBLIC VALUE:

Does not apply.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE INPUT:

Not Applicable

PUBLIC INPUT:

Consultation with residents occurred through the applicable construction projects design process. The recommendations of this report are intended to update the Traffic and Parking Bylaw to reflect existing conditions.

This report was also posted publicly as part of the report process.

INTERNAL / EXTERNAL CONSULTATION:

Internal and external consultation was undertaken through the applicable construction projects design process.

CONCLUSION:

Based on the assessment outlined in this report, it is recommended that the Traffic and Parking By-law be amended as per Appendix A to ensure the By-law reflects existing roadway conditions and any required signage changes can be made over the summer months.

REPORT IMPACTS:

Agreement: **No**

By-law: **Yes**

Budget Amendment: **No**

Policy: **No**

APPROVALS:

This report has gone through the appropriate workflow and has been reviewed and or approved by the following as required:

Director

Deputy City Manager

Chief Financial Officer

City Solicitor

City Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 25- 071-CD Appendix A By-law Amendment