

30 June 2009



**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE REPORT**

**TO: MAYOR & COUNCIL**

**FR: Heather Kasprick, Deputy Clerk**

**RE: Parking Meters located at 222 Water Street (OPP Building)**

**BACKGROUND:**

In April 2009 the OPP made some changes with regards to the various divisions within the organization and which building they report to. Within these changes, the Highway Traffic Division was relocated from the Highway 17E location to the operation centre at 222 Water Street. This division is now deployed from the Water Street location which includes a minimum of 4 additional cruisers per shift.

The Highway Traffic Division works a 10 hour schedule of both day and night shifts. Since being relocated to the downtown location, they have been struggling to obtain sufficient parking for the police vehicles when returning to the office during the day. To date, they have been utilizing the two metered parking spaces in front of the building on a regular basis, but when they return to the office during the daytime, these parking spaces can sometimes be occupied. They presently have 33 employees working from this location and there is not sufficient parking in the back of the building for both staff vehicles as well as cruisers and undercover vehicles.

The OPP have requested that the three metered parking spaces that are located directly out front of the OPP building on Water Street be designated as 'Police Parking Only' and the meters be removed permanently in this location.

When the Kenora Detachment was operational from this Water Street location, there were no meters in front of the OPP station, as it was designated for Police Vehicles.

There would be very minimal impact to the public for parking in this location as the only patrons that are parking in this area are attending the Court House or are employees of the Court House. On Water Street, the primary customers parking at the meters on the street as a whole, are the Court House employees.

**BUDGET:**

There may be minimal impact to the parking revenue that would be otherwise generated from parking in these three locations.

The City would erect the sign that would be located in place of the meters and would also arrange to have the meters removed.

**COMMUNICATION PLAN/Notice By-law Requirements:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**THAT** Council hereby give authorization to remove the parking meters located directly in front of the OPP station on Water Street and be designated as Police Parking only.

