

Date November 6, 2009



City Council Committee Report

TO: Mayor & Council

FR: Richard Perchuk, Manager of Operations

RE: Downtown Long Term Parking - Options

Recommendation:

That additional parking spaces be developed for displaced users from the Harbourfront south parking lot along two areas of Lakeview Drive; and further,

That one area be developed on the north side of Lakeview Drive to accommodate 11 spaces and the No Parking – Tow Away Zone designation along the south side of Lakeview Drive be changed to permit parking to accommodate the remaining displaced users.

Background:

KAR forwarded a proposal to Council to have the large tent re-instated at the south parking lot for the 2010 Harbourfront season, but with no parking of vehicles allowed under the tent. If accepted by Council this will present a challenge to identify 60 alternate parking spaces. It is understood that KAR will be able to accommodate the 32 permanent users plus the Royal Bank and the MS Kenora parking requirements on the south parking lot. Options are required to accommodate the remaining 28 spaces.

In recognition of future Harbourfront events and proposed construction additional parking areas were investigated. Two areas considered were on the east and west sides of the existing Lakeview Drive parking, along the green belt. The Engineering Department had little success in finding property bars in the area which are needed to determine the amount of property available for additional parking spaces.

Based on the survey information gathered there is not available lands on the east side of the existing parking lot to develop without encroaching on CPR property. In looking at the westerly area a plan for diagonal parking spaces was developed for 11 spaces, with a preliminary cost estimate of \$32,000.00. A plan for the diagonal parking spaces is attached with photos of the area. Additional parking could also be developed along the south side of Lakeview Drive at a minimal cost. A 204 meter stretch of Lakeview Drive as shown on an attached plan would permit an additional 34 parking spaces.

Budget: Non Budgeted Item

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:

Resolution & By-Law

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