



January 27, 2011

City Council Committee Report

To: Mayor & Council

Fr: Richard Perchuk, Manager of Operations

Re: Fifth Avenue South Two-Hour Parking Restriction

Recommendation:

That the present two-hour parking restriction along the west side of Fifth Avenue South, between First Street South and Second Street South, remain status quo.

Background:

A member of the Knox Church "Hearts of Knox", charity group was invited to make a Deputation before Council requesting permission for her group to be exempt from the two-hour parking restriction that is in place along Fifth Avenue South between First Street South and Second Street South to attend a regular Friday afternoon function at the Knox Church.

The parking restriction along the west side of Fifth Avenue South has been in place for a number of years and was implemented due to overflow parking from the Kenora Shoppers Mall property. Both First Street South and Fifth Avenue South were blocked with vehicles all day causing a lack of off street parking for friends and visitors of the neighbouring residents. The suggestion to remove the current parking restriction would not ensure parking availability for Knox patrons as the spaces would still be used on a first come first serve basis. Restricted free parking is available along the east side of Fifth Avenue South, which would allow parking longer than two hours.

Providing special privileges for one group should be avoided and dealt with on a general basis.

The two-hour restriction can be removed, but the previous problem of all day parking will just return and no parking will be available for the Knox patrons if required. For this reason and the reasons above I am not in agreement with changes to the current two-hour restricted parking designation along the west side of Fifth Avenue South.

Budget: 2012 Operating Budget

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:

Resolution only required.

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