

May 1, 2012



City Council Committee Report

To: Mayor & Council

**Fr: Richard Perchuk, Manager of Operations
Heather Kasprick, Deputy Clerk**

Re: Lakeview Drive Parking – Farmers Market Days

Recommendation:

That Council hereby approves an amendment to the Traffic Regulation By-law to allow parking along the south side of Lakeview Drive on the paved shoulder along the greenbelt from 190 metres west of the Roundabout, westerly for 160 metres on Wednesdays only for the period from June 20th, 2012 through to September 26th, 2012; and

That the City of Kenora Traffic Regulation By-law 127-2001 be amended to include the following changes to Schedule "B" – No Parking Areas – Tow Away Zone and to Schedule "C" – Limited /Restricted Parking – Lakeview Drive:-

Schedule "B" No Parking Areas – Tow Away Zone

<u>Column 1</u> STREET/HIGHWAY	<u>Column 2</u> LOCATION	<u>Column 3</u> SIDE	<u>Column 4</u> TIME
<u>Delete:</u>			
Lakeview Drive	From Main Street South to 14 th Street	Both	Anytime
<u>Add:</u>			
Lakeview Drive	From the Roundabout to 14 th Street	North	Anytime
Lakeview Drive	From the Roundabout to 190 metres westerly	South	Anytime
Lakeview Drive	From 190 metres west of the Roundabout westerly for 160 metres	South	Sunday-Tuesday Thursday-Saturday
Lakeview Drive	From 350 metres west of the Roundabout to 14 th Street	South	Anytime

Schedule "C" Limited /Restricted Parking

<u>Column 1</u> STREET	<u>Column 2</u> LOCATION	<u>Column 3</u> SIDE	<u>Column 4</u> RESTRICTION
Add: Lakeview Drive	From 190 metres west of the Roundabout westerly for 160 metres	South	2 hours Wednesdays

;and further

That this amendment be implemented on "summer only basis" for the period starting June 20th, 2012 up to and including September 26th, 2012.

Background:

In 2011, the new tent area on the Harbourfront was erected, making 2012 the first summer that the new tent will be fully operational. It is believed that now that the South Harbourfront lot will no longer be closed for the tent that parking will still be restricted on market Wednesdays due to the vendors taking up any remaining open stalls in the South lot.

On a temporary basis in the summer of 2011, Council granted permission to allow parking along Lakeview Drive on Wednesdays only during market hours for people to access the market and take the pressure off of the high demand for parking in the peak months. This was measured and monitored closely by our parking by-law enforcement officers and was well used during the times of 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. During July and August, parking was full all day along all of the permitted area. Neither the OPP nor the City received any complaints or any safety concerns or issues during this trial time period.

Keeping with the trial in 2011, Wednesday's only will help reduce congestion related to Friday afternoon traffic during the City's prime tourist season. Both sides of the road will be again clearly signed to reflect what is allowed within the amended By-law and this area will provide an additional parking capacity of about 24 vehicles. This area would be a free parking zone, provided users remained within the proposed 2 hour limit and by-law enforcement will once again monitor for use and compliance. The increased spots are intended to provide relief for Farmers' Market traffic only. As such, it is recommended that a maximum parking period of two hours would be used. This would eliminate the issue of individuals using this area to park for work and walk downtown.

Budget:

Minimal staff time to erect signage.

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:

Bylaw notice required for traffic amendment