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PARKING REGULATIONS
WELLINGTON STREET EAST
TOWN OF AURORA

The Transportation and Works Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report, June 1, 2006, from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works:

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. The existing “1 Hour Parking” zone, Monday to Friday, on the south side of Wellington Street East (Y.R. 15), from a point approximately 30 metres from the east limit of Yonge Street (Y.R. 1) to a point approximately 105 metres east of the east limit of Yonge Street (Y.R. 1), in the Town of Aurora, be rescinded.
2. The existing “1 Hour Parking” zone, Monday to Friday, on the north side of Wellington Street East (Y.R. 15), from a point approximately 50 metres from the east limit of Yonge Street (Y.R. 1) to the west limit of Wells Street, in the Town of Aurora be rescinded.
3. A “2 Hour Parking” zone, Monday to Friday, be established on the south side of Wellington Street East (Y.R. 15), from a point approximately 30 metres from the east limit of Yonge Street (Y.R. 1) to a point approximately 105 metres east of the east limit of Yonge Street (Y.R. 1), in the Town of Aurora
4. A “2 Hour Parking” zone, Monday to Friday, be established on the north side of Wellington Street East (Y.R. 15), from a point approximately 50 metres from the east limit of Yonge Street (Y.R. 1) to the west limit of Wells Street, in the Town of Aurora.
5. The Regional Solicitor prepare the necessary by-laws.
6. The Regional Clerk forward this report to the Clerk of the Town of Aurora and to the Chief of York Regional Police, with a request for enforcement, as their resources permit.

2. PURPOSE

This report proposes that the existing one-hour parking restriction, on the north and south side of Wellington Street East, be rescinded east of Yonge Street and that a two-hour parking restriction, Monday to Friday, in the Town of Aurora, be implemented to address

a request from staff of the Town of Aurora as well as local businesses. A Regional by-law is required under the *Highway Traffic Act* before any such parking restriction by-law can be signed and enforced. A copy of the location plan is provided as *Attachment 1*.

3. BACKGROUND

Staff from the Town of Aurora requested that the Region revise the parking regulations along Wellington Street East, east of Yonge Street. The revisions were prompted by a number of retail businesses that had concerns with the time limit of the on-street parking in front of their commercial establishments. The current parking by-law allows for a one-hour parking time limit, Monday to Friday. The retail business owners, through correspondence, have requested a two-hour parking limit, Monday to Friday, on Wellington Street East.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

Wellington Street, immediately east of Yonge Street in the Town of Aurora, is a four-lane, urban road with curbs and sidewalks on both sides of the street. The daily traffic on this section is 18,480 vehicles per day and the speed limit is 50 km per hour. Traffic patterns and volumes on Wellington Street in the AM peak are similar to the PM peak period, and for this reason, there is also a no stopping by-law restriction in place from 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday in conjunction with the one-hour parking time limit.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The costs associated with the manufacture and installation of the necessary signs are included within the 2006 Business Plan and Budget. In accordance with the Regional and Provincial offences agreements, the Town of Aurora will retain any enforcement revenue.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

The proposed change in the one-hour parking time limits was requested by the Town of Aurora to address the concerns of the local retail business owners. The expected revision of the one-hour parking time limit to a two-hour limit will result in a benefit to the local retail business owners with little impact to the operation of Wellington Street. In accordance with the agreement under the Provincial Offences Act for enforcement of Regional by-laws, the revenues will be retained by the Town of Aurora.

7. CONCLUSION

This report is in response to a request by local retail business owners and from staff of the Town of Aurora for the Region to revise the existing one-hour parking regulation along Wellington Street, east of Yonge Street.

To address the local retail business owners' concerns, it is recommended that the following changes in the parking by-laws be implemented.

The existing "1 Hour Parking" zones on the north and south side of Wellington Street East, from Monday to Friday, in the Town of Aurora, be rescinded and a proposed "2 Hour Parking" zone be implemented.

By-law enforcement staff of the Town of Aurora, in accordance with the Regional and Provincial offences agreements, will carry out enforcement of this Regional by-law.

The Regional Clerk should, therefore, forward this report and the adopted by-law to the Clerk of the Town of Aurora and to the Chief of York Regional Police.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(The attachment referred to in this clause was included in the agenda for the June 14, 2006 Committee meeting.)