

Staff Report



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REPORT TO: Community and Infrastructure Services Committee

DATE OF MEETING: March 25, 2024

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WARD(S) INVOLVED: Ward 9

DATE OF REPORT: February 5, 2024

REPORT NO.: DSD-2024-078

SUBJECT: Glen Road Permit Only Parking Bylaw Revision

RECOMMENDATION:

That on-street permit-only parking prohibition on Glen Road from South Drive to Pleasant Avenue be removed; and further,

That the Uniform Traffic By-law be amended accordingly.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS:

- The purpose of this report is to recommend a revision to the existing Traffic and Parking By-law on Glen Road from South Drive to Pleasant Ave. This revision includes removing the permit-only parking bylaw and implementing the default on-street parking bylaw for a maximum period of three consecutive hours (no permit required).
- The key finding of this report is that directly affected residents demonstrated majority support for removing permit only parking through a resident-led petition.
- The financial implications are approximately \$500 that is to be taken from the existing sign maintenance budget.
- Community engagement included a resident led petition, which was developed in collaboration with Transportation staff, and a letter advising affected residents of the upcoming council meeting and proposed changes.
- This report supports the delivery of core services.

REPORT:

Glen Road is a local residential street near St Mary's Hospital. Currently neighbourhood streets within proximity to St Mary's Hospital have permit only on-street parking from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM, which is outlined in Schedule 7 - Part V, Section 11 of the Uniform Traffic By-law 2019-113. The intent of permit only parking is to encourage hospital visitors to use dedicated hospital parking lots versus using on-street parking on adjacent streets.

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Transportation Services staff received a request to carry out a resident-led petition for residents of Glen Road between South Drive to Pleasant Avenue. The intent of the petition was to determine if there is majority support to remove the permit-only parking bylaw that exists on Glen Road. Transportation Services staff developed the petition, and also specified the specific addresses to be circulated. Staff also required contact information for each signature on the petition to allow for verification of the responses.

The results of the petition are as follows:

<i>Remove the permit only parking prohibition on Glen Road between South Drive and Pleasant Avenue</i>	<i>19 votes</i>
<i>Leave existing on-street permit only parking as is:</i>	<i>6 votes</i>

25 out of 35 addresses responded to the petition, which is a 71% response rate. Of the 25 addresses that responded to the petition 19 supported removing permit only parking, which is a 76% support rate.

Given the results of the petition and majority support to remove permit only parking, staff are recommending the removal of permit only parking on Glen Road between Pleasant Avenue and South Avenue.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This report supports the delivery of core services.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Capital Budget – The recommendation will have no impact on the Capital Budget.

Operating Budget – The recommendation will have an approximate impact of \$500 on the Operating Budget for the removal of traffic signs. These costs will be charged to the existing Sign Maintenance budget.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

INFORM – A resident led survey developed in collaboration with Transportation Services was circulated to affected properties. A letter was sent from Transportation Services to affected addresses notifying them of the upcoming Council meeting and proposed changes as per the petition results.

PREVIOUS REPORTS/AUTHORITIES:

- City of Kitchener Traffic and Parking By-law 2019-113

APPROVED BY: Justin Readman, General Manager, Development Services Department

ATTACHMENTS: Attachment A – Glen Rd On-Street Parking Petition - 2023