

REPORT TO: Community and Infrastructure Services Committee

DATE OF MEETING: April 4, 2022

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WARD(S) INVOLVED: Ward 9

DATE OF REPORT: March 2, 2022

REPORT NO.: DSD-2022-105

SUBJECT: Victoria Park Neighbourhood Seasonal Parking Restrictions

RECOMMENDATION:

That parking be prohibited on the north (even-numbered) side of Schneider Avenue from David Street to Victoria Park from 8am-6pm, May 1 to November 1; and,

That parking be prohibited on the north (even-numbered) side of Dill Street from David Street to Victoria Park from 8am-6pm, May 1 to November 1; and,

That parking be prohibited on the east (odd-numbered) side of David Street from Dill Street to Hilda Place from 8am-6pm, May 1 to November 1; and further,

That the Traffic and Parking Bylaw be amended accordingly

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS:

- The purpose of this report is to amend the Traffic and Parking Bylaw to include time-and-date specific restrictions to on-street parking on three roadways commonly used to access Victoria Park
- The key finding of this report is that traffic flow, safety and property access would be improved by prohibiting parking during peak park usage times, while continuing to provide parking options for residents and park visitors
- The financial implications are approximately \$1,800 to be taken from the existing sign maintenance budget
- Community engagement included a notification letter being distributed to affected residents in advance of the meeting
- This report supports the delivery of core services.

BACKGROUND:

Transportation Services has continued to receive concerns on a frequent annual basis from residents in the neighbourhood adjacent to the main Victoria Park parking area, citing concerns regarding traffic congestion, conflicts between drivers, and property access concerns due to the presence of cars parked on-street. This issue is present during times of peak park usage, as many visitors to Victoria Park utilize the on-street parking within the neighbourhood and constrict the flow of vehicles when internal parking lots are full. This causes situations where drivers must yield to oncoming traffic; which is generally acceptable for low-volume neighbourhood streets; but has caused significant congestion and driver frustration due to the volume of vehicles accessing Victoria Park in peak times.

REPORT:

In order to address concerns, staff are recommending seasonal, time-specific parking restrictions on three (3) streets adjacent to Victoria Park. Additionally, the following restrictions are recommended:

- Prohibition of parking on the north (even numbered) side of Schneider Avenue between David Street and the entrance to Victoria Park from 8am-6pm, May 1 to November 1. Schneider Avenue between David Street and the entrance to Victoria Park currently has a full parking prohibition on the south (odd numbered) side which would remain.
- Prohibition of parking on the north (even numbered) side of Dill Street between David Street and the entrance to Victoria Park from 8am-6pm, May 1 to November 1. Dill Street between David Street and the entrance to Victoria Park currently has a full parking prohibition on the south (odd numbered) side which would remain.
- Prohibition of parking on the east (odd numbered) side of David Street between Dill Street and Hilda Place from 8am-6pm, May 1 to November 1. David Street between Dill Street and Hilda Place currently has a parking prohibition on the west (even number) side which would remain.

A resident letter dated February 22, 2022, was distributed to all directly affected addresses along Schneider Avenue, Dill Street, and David Street. This letter summarized the proposed parking bylaw changes, options for providing feedback to staff, and the Community and Infrastructure Services Committee date. It is worth noting that there are multiple surface parking lots adjacent to Victoria Park.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This report supports the delivery of core services.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Capital Budget – The recommendation has no impact on the Capital Budget.

Operating Budget – The recommendation has a \$1,800 impact on the Operating Budget for sign installations. These costs will be charged to the existing Sign Maintenance budget

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

INFORM – This report has been posted to the City's website with the agenda in advance of the council / committee meeting.

CONSULT – A notification letter was distributed to affected residents in advance with opportunity to provide comments and feedback.

COLLABORATE – If applicable.

ENTRUST – If applicable.

PREVIOUS REPORTS/AUTHORITIES:

- *City of Kitchener Uniform Traffic and Parking By-law No. 2019-113*

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ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – Key Map – Victoria Park Neighbourhood – Schneider Avenue Dill Street David Street Proposed On-street Parking Regulations