

To: Members of the Committee of the Whole

From: W.H. Jackson, Director of Utility Services

Meeting Date: May 30, 2016

Subject: Report USTR16-006

Parking Restrictions on Westbrook Drive from Weller Street to

Kensington Drive

Purpose

A report to recommend the implementation of parking restrictions on Westbrook Drive from Weller Street to Kensington Drive.

Recommendation

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report USTR16-006 dated May 30, 2016, of the Director of Utility Services, as follows:

That 'No Parking Anytime' be implemented on both sides of Westbrook Drive from Weller Street to Kensington Drive.

Budget and Financial Implications

The implementation of the recommended parking restrictions on Westbrook Drive will cost approximately \$600, funds for which are available in the 2016 annual sign maintenance budget.

Background

In November 2015, staff received a request from area residents to implement 'No Parking Anytime' on Westbrook Drive from Weller Street to Kensington Drive. Residents expressed concern that vehicles parked on both sides of Westbrook Drive create a hazard to through traffic particularly in winter months.

Site Details

Westbrook Drive is a two-lane local road in a residential neighbourhood. The road cross-section is urban with curb, gutter and sidewalks on both sides of the road. Currently on Westbrook Drive, there is Calendar Parking with a 1-hour restriction.

Field Observations

Staff visited the area on several occasions and observed vehicles parked on both sides of the street reducing through traffic to a single lane. Drivers of these vehicles were seen visiting the Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Hospital Drive where parking facilities are available.

Parking Survey

In accordance with existing policy, staff surveyed the households on Westbrook Drive from Weller Street to Kensington Drive asking residents to indicate their choice for parking restrictions on their street. The survey included 8 households and the results of the survey are as follows:

	Responses	% of Total Surveys
'No Parking Anytime'	7	88%
Leave as is	1	12%
Did Not Respond	0	0%

The criterion to initiate parking changes on a residential street is that a minimum of 60% of the households surveyed agree to the changes.

The results indicate that 88% of residents support a 'No Parking Anytime' restriction on Westbrook Drive from Weller Street to Kensington Drive.

Implementation

This change to the parking restrictions will make Westbrook Drive consistent with the restrictions in place on Fairmount Boulevard and Sherwood Crescent to the west. On these streets 'No Parking Anytime' signs have been installed on the first block between Weller Street and Kensington Drive to address similar neighbourhood concerns.

Installation of the No Parking Anytime' signs can be completed within one month of Council approval. It is recognized that this parking restriction may impact parking activity on the adjacent block to the north of Kensington Drive. Staff will monitor parking activity north of Kensington Drive to determine if additional measures may be warranted.

Summary

The resident survey results met the minimum criteria to implement changes to parking restrictions on a residential street. The implementation of 'No Parking Anytime' on both sides of Westbrook Drive from Weller Street to Kensington Drive will reduce congestion and improve safety on the street and at the adjacent intersections.

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Attachments:

Appendix A: Westbrook Drive Area Map

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