

To: Members of the Committee of the Whole

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

Meeting Date: April 18, 2017

Subject: Report USTR17-009

Parking Restrictions on Marina Boulevard from Royal Drive to

**Water Street** 

# **Purpose**

A report to recommend the implementation of calendar parking on Marina Boulevard from Royal Drive to the west limit of Northcrest Arena.

### Recommendation

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report USTR17-009 dated April 18, 2017, of the Director of Utility Services, as follows:

That Calendar Parking be implemented on both sides of Marina Boulevard from Royal Drive to the west limit of Northcrest Arena.

# **Budget and Financial Implications**

Implementation of the recommended calendar parking on Marina Boulevard will cost approximately \$2,000, funds for which are available in the 2017 annual sign maintenance budget.

## **Background**

In February 2017, staff received a request from area residents to implement Calendar Parking on Marina Boulevard from Royal Drive to Water Street. Residents expressed concern that vehicles parked on both sides of Marina Boulevard create a hazard to through traffic particularly when Northcrest Arena hosts an event. Typically, Calendar Parking prohibits parking on one side of the street from the 1<sup>st</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> of the month and on the other side of the street from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the end of the month.

A previous request for Calendar Parking was reviewed by staff in 2014. Results of the neighbourhood survey at the time failed to achieve the required resident support to initiate changes to existing parking restrictions on Marina Boulevard.

#### Site Details

Marina Boulevard is a two-lane collector road in a mixed residential/commercial area. The road cross-section is approximately 9.3 metres wide with curb and sidewalks on both sides of the road. The George Street North transit route travels east and west along Marina Boulevard. Currently, parking is restricted at anytime on the north side of Marina Boulevard fronting the Northcrest Arena property and a 3-hour parking restriction is on the remainder of Marina Boulevard between Royal Drive and Water Street. A sketch of the subject area is shown in Appendix A.

#### **Field Observations**

Staff visited the area on several occasions during events at Northcrest Arena and observed vehicles parked on both sides of the street reducing through traffic to a single lane. Drivers of these vehicles were seen entering Northcrest Arena where parking facilities were full.

### **Parking Survey**

In accordance with existing policy, staff surveyed the households on Marina Boulevard from Royal Drive to Water Street asking residents to indicate their choice for parking restrictions on their street. The survey included 16 households and the results of the survey are as follows:

Calendar Parking	Returned	
Leave Parking as is	3	18.75%
Did Not Respond	3	18.75%

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 62.5% of residents support Calendar Parking on Marina Boulevard from Royal Drive to Water Street.

### Implementation

Northcrest Arena and Bears Creek Gardens Park are located east of the residential properties on Marina Boulevard. The existing 'No Parking' restriction on the north side of Marina Boulevard fronting Northcrest Arena ensures clear sight lines for vehicles entering and exiting the arena property and reduces on-street congestion during peak times.

Implementation of Calendar Parking restrictions on Marina Boulevard from Royal Drive to the west limit of Northcrest Arena will take place in the fall of 2017 following substantial completion of 2017 works under City contract T-05-17 for Hilliard Street and Marina Boulevard Reconstruction (Bear's Creek). Appendix B provides details on the proposed parking restrictions.

## **Summary**

The parking survey results met the minimum criteria to implement changes to parking restrictions on a residential street. The implementation of Calendar Parking on both sided of Marina Boulevard from Royal Drive to the west limit of Northcrest Arena will reduce traffic congestion during events at Northcrest Arena.

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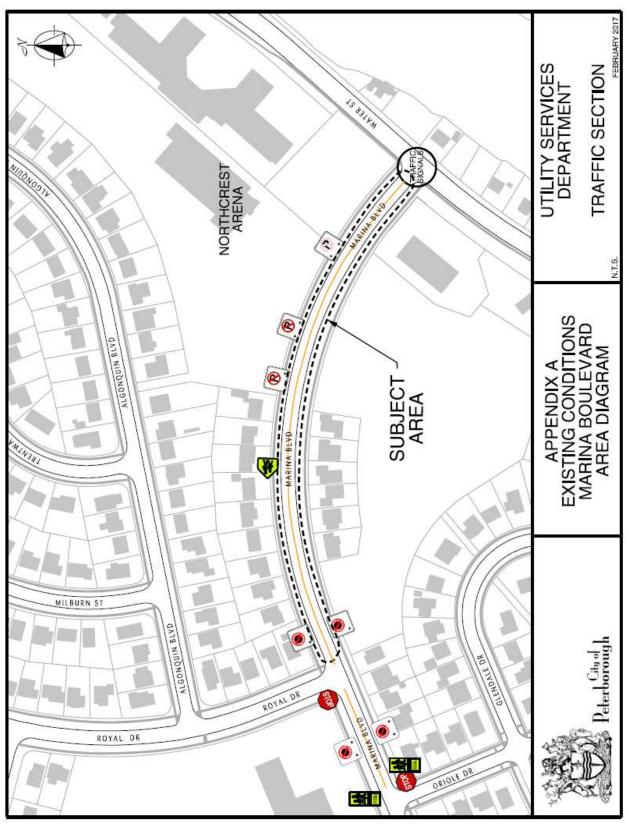
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Attachments:

Appendix A: Existing Conditions Marina Boulevard Area Diagram Appendix B: Proposed Marina Boulevard Parking Restrictions

Appendix A: Existing Conditions Marina Boulevard Area Diagram



Appendix B: Proposed Marina Boulevard Parking Restrictions

