



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Committee of the Whole

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

Meeting Date: April 18, 2017

Subject: Report USTR17-010
Calendar Parking Restriction on Dickson Street

Purpose

A report to recommend the implementation of Calendar Parking on Dickson Street from Murray Street to McDonnell Street.

Recommendation

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report USTR17-010 dated April 18, 2017, of the Director of Utility Services, as follows:

That Calendar Parking be implemented on Dickson Street from Murray Street to McDonnell Street.

Budget and Financial Implications

The implementation of Calendar Parking on Dickson Street will cost approximately \$1,000, funds for which are available in the 2017 annual sign maintenance budget.

Background

In 2016, staff received a request to implement Calendar Parking on Dickson Street from Murray Street to McDonnell Street. Residents expressed concern that vehicles parked on both sides of Dickson Street create a hazard to through traffic particularly in winter months. Typically, Calendar Parking prohibits parking on one side of the street from the 1st to 15th of the month and on the other side of the street from the 16th to the end of the month.

Site Details

Dickson Street is a two-lane local road in a residential neighbourhood. The road cross-section is approximately 8.0 metres wide with curb-face sidewalks on both sides of the street. Currently, parking is restricted to 3-hours on Dickson Street. The County of Peterborough Court House (470 Water Street) is located at the south end of Dickson Street at the intersection of Dickson Street and Murray Street.

All residences on Dickson Street including the two multi-unit apartments located at 490 and 500 Dickson Street, have driveways and/or off-street parking facilities.

A sketch of the subject area is shown in Appendix A.

Parking Survey

In accordance with existing policy, staff surveyed the households on Dickson Street from Murray Street to McDonnell Street asking residents to indicate their choice for parking restrictions on their street. The survey included 22 households and the results of the survey are as follows:

	No. of Surveys Returned	% of Total Surveys Issued
Calendar Parking.....	8.....	36%
Leave as is.....	1.....	5%
Did Not Respond.....	13.....	59%

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 36% of the residents surveyed support 'Calendar Parking' on Dickson Street from Murray Street to McDonnell Street.

Discussion

A review of City parking enforcement records revealed that over the past three years, City parking enforcement issued 54 parking infractions on Dickson Street. City staff often receive complaints about parking on Dickson Street when the Court House has jury selection or there is a high profile criminal case and the Court House surface parking lot is full. During the winter months when there are snow banks, Public Works and Waste Management vehicles sometimes have difficulty accessing the street for garbage and recycling collection when vehicles are parked on both sides of the street.

To confirm the parking activity on Dickson Street, City staff visited the area when the Peterborough County Court House was in session. Staff observed vehicles parked on both sides of the street reducing traffic to a single lane.

The Dickson Street parking survey comprised 22 households of which 13 (59%) households did not respond. Of the 9 households that responded to the survey 8 (89%) households indicated their preference for Calendar Parking and 1 (11%) preferred to leave the parking as is. Considering operational issues caused by vehicles parking on both sides of the road, resident support for Calendar Parking and that all residents on Dickson Street have off-street parking, staff are of the opinion that Calendar Parking should be implemented on Dickson Street.

Summary

Parking survey results failed to meet the normal criteria the City uses to implement changes to parking restrictions on a residential street. Of the residents who responded to the survey however, the overwhelming preference is for is Calendar Parking. Parking on both sides of Dickson Street narrows the road to a single lane of traffic creating traffic operational issues. The implementation of Calendar Parking will ensure two-way traffic flow on Dickson Street and access to residences can be maintained at all times.

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Attachments:
Appendix A: Dickson Street Area Diagram

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