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**Peterborough**

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**To:** Members of the General Committee

**From:** W.H. Jackson,  
Commissioner of Infrastructure and Planning Services

**Meeting Date:** October 1, 2018

**Subject:** Report IPSTR18-025  
Changes to Parking Restrictions on Rubidge Street

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## **Purpose**

A report to recommend implementation of a 15 Minute Parking limit on Rubidge Street in the vicinity of Rubidge Hall.

## **Recommendations**

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPSTR18-025 dated October 1, 2018, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure and Planning Services, as follows:

- a) That the 1 hour parking limit on the East Side of Rubidge Street, from a point 20 meters north of Sherbrooke Street to the north limit of the boulevard parking area, be changed to 15 minutes; and
- b) That the appropriate Schedules and Articles of Parking By-law 09-136 be amended to authorize implementation of Recommendation a).

## **Budget and Financial Implications**

Updating the signage to implement the recommended parking changes would cost approximately \$500 funds for which are available in the uncommitted balance in the Operating budget for Parking.

## Background

City staff have received recent complaints about abuse of the 1 hour parking restriction currently in place for the lay by located on Rubidge Street, just north of Sherbrooke Street, in front of Rubidge Hall.

Originally a 1 hour parking limit was put in place to allow visitors to Rubidge Hall to park in front of the building and register at the front desk before accessing the parking lot for the building, and it was also used to facilitate resident pick-up and drop-off activity. This lay by is now also used by the City's Handi-van vehicles to pick up and drop off residents. With changes to internal processes at Rubidge Hall, this 1 hour time limit is longer than is typically needed for resident pick up and drop off activities.

Administration staff and residents at Rubidge Hall have noticed that other motorists are using this area when visiting other area destinations and are often exceeding the 1 hour limit. This is causing conflicts with the City's Handi-vans because vehicles parked in these spaces restrict access to this transit pick-up and drop-off location.

Currently, parking is permitted along the east curb lane of Rubidge Street all day, except during the weekday afternoon peak period, (4:30 pm to 6:00 pm, Monday to Friday). There are other adequate parking opportunities for motorists and, accordingly, changing the parking restriction from a 1 hour limit to a 15 minute limit would ensure that this drop off location is only used for short term passenger pick-up and drop-off activity, and would ensure that access is available for Handi-van vehicles.

## Summary

Modifying the parking restriction on the east boulevard of Rubidge Street from a 1 hour limit to a 15 minute limit would reduce the abuse of this pick-up and drop-off location by longer term parkers and would ensure access for the City Handi-van vehicles.

Processing this change now, would ensure that these restrictions can be put in place before winter, when snow banks and windrows can make finding alternate accessible Handi-van pick-up and drop-off locations much more difficult.

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Appendix A – Proposed 15-Minute Parking Restriction Map

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