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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:** December 3, 2018

**Subject:** Report IPSTR18-027  
Changes to Parking Restrictions on McDonnel Street

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## **Purpose**

A report to recommend implementation of a 2-hour parking limit on the south side of McDonnel Street, between Gilchrist Street and Donegal Street.

## **Recommendations**

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPSTR18-027 dated December 3, 2018, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure and Planning Services, as follows:

- a) That a 2 hour parking limit be implemented on the South Side of McDonnel Street, from a point 8 meters east of Gilchrist Street to a point 20 m west of Donegal Street; 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 complaints in the past about abuse of on-street parking in front of the commercial businesses along the south side of McDonnel Street, between Gilchrist Street and Donegal Street.

Currently, parking is permitted along the south curb lane of McDonnel Street all day, with the default 3-hour on-street parking limit in effect. Often employees of the nearby commercial establishments use these on-street parking spaces for the majority of the day making it difficult for customers of the businesses in this area to find a legal space to park. Parking on the north side is prohibited.

As part of the recent reconstruction of McDonnel Street, parking bays were provided on the south side within the boulevard to maintain some on-street parking while providing sufficient pavement width to accommodate the continuation of the on-street bike lanes, which were originally installed on McDonnel Street in 2015. With fewer on-street parking spaces in the new design, restricting the use of these spaces to serve customers only becomes more important to area businesses.

As part of the reconstruction in this area, an existing gravel off-street parking lot was also improved on lands to the west of Gilchrist Street to better serve the employees and visitors to the commercial uses in the area. As there are now adequate off-street parking opportunities for employees of the businesses, changing the parking restriction to a 2-hour limit on the south side (see Appendix A) would ensure that these remaining on-street parking spaces are only used for short term customer parking for the area businesses.

## Summary

Modifying the parking restriction on the south side of McDonnel Street to a 2-hour limit would reduce the potential abuse of the new on-street parking bays recently constructed as part of the reconstruction of McDonnel Street, and make these spaces more accessible for short term customer parking.

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Appendix A – Proposed 2-Hour Parking Restriction Map

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