



Corporate Report

Report from Transportation & Environmental Services, Operations

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Subject: Hewko Street – Parking Changes

Recommendation

That Council direct staff to prohibit parking on the east side of Hewko Street from Scott Street to Ted Street; and

That the City Solicitor be directed to prepare the necessary by-laws. FORTHWITH

Background

Staff received a request from a resident to investigate the prohibition of parking on one side of Hewko Street. The resident contended that there is insufficient space on Hewko Street to have parking on both sides while still maintaining adequate traffic flow.

Report

Hewko Street is a north / south residential street that runs between Scott Street and Ted Street. The street has shoulders and ditches with an approximate pavement width of six metres.

The concerns that were expressed to staff by an area resident were that, when vehicles were parked on both sides of the street, it was very difficult to get by. Furthermore, this also impeded garbage collection and snow removal.

Staff reviewed the request and determined that there was merit in prohibiting parking on one side of the street. Typically on streets without curbs, vehicles will be parked on the shoulder, thereby minimizing the amount of parking occurring on the road. On Hewko Street, there are a number of areas where there is very little shoulder area. Vehicles parked in these areas would be predominantly on the road. Given that the roadway width is only six metres, this can result in the travel portion of the road being reduced to an undesirable level.

Prior to preparing the report, staff sent surveys to the area residents soliciting their input for the proposed parking changes. Approximately 50 surveys were distributed with 23 responses – 13 in favour and 10 opposed.

Staff's position from the onset was that parking should be prohibited on one side of Hewko Street. Upon review of the survey results, staff's position remains unchanged.

Financial Implications

The cost installing parking prohibitions is expected to be approximately \$500. These costs will be funded by the Annual Operating Budget (Traffic Safety Devices).

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