



Subject: *Sam Crescent Parking Challenges*
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Related Motions: C26(05)
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Summary

Through motion C26(05), Council directed staff to identify any possible solutions to the parking challenges on Sam Crescent & Tyler Street. In this report, staff outline relaxed enforcement, off-site parking and education options.

Financial Impact Statement

Costs of acquiring land or developing alternative parking areas have not been costed in this report but would be material.

Recommendation

That education material be provided to residents of Sam Crescent and Tyler Street regarding parking.

Recommended Motion

The Planning Advisory Committee recommends to Council that Council direct staff to provide education material to residents of Sam Crescent and Tyler Street in the Autumn, prior to the snow season, to remind vehicle owners to find alternative parking and clear out their garages if it is needed for parking.

Background

Through motion C26(05), Council directed that staff prepare a report to outline options to alleviating parking concerns in the Sam Crescent and Tyler Street area. This was prompted by Jordan Ridgeley, a resident on Sam Crescent, writing to Council to request a review. In his email Mr. Ridgeley states:

I am formally requesting that Council present a clear, workable solution to this issue. Council approved this development and, in doing so, assumed responsibility for ensuring it functions in a way that reflects modern household needs. As taxpayers and constituents, residents deserve more than continued ticketing without accountability or remediation.



The concern is essentially that residents do not have enough off-street parking for the number of vehicles that they own forcing them to park on the street.



Options

Relaxed Enforcement

Enable Year-Round Overnight On-Street Parking

The Municipality could take a more relaxed approach to parking enforcement on both Sam Crescent and Tyler Street, recognizing that a number of residents in this area do not have sufficient parking for the number of vehicles at their household. This would obviously both set a precedent and make winter maintenance much more challenging. The Director of Infrastructure and Operations has indicated that *“Allowing overnight parking would mean that clearing these streets during and immediately following a snow event would become nearly impossible and we would routinely fail to meet our service standard”*.



Ban Parking on One Side of Street Only

Parking could be banned on one side of the street, enabling winter maintenance and emergency access.



Additionally, following a snowfall event, cars could be required to be removed by the next morning to allow additional snow clearing.

This would improve the situation but the ability to clear the streets from curb to curb in a timely fashion would still be impaired as noted by the Director of Infrastructure and Operations above.



Alternate Side Parking

A parking ban could move from one side of the street to the other to allow snow clearing. However, as with the other options this complicates snow clearing and would require additional passes by snow clearing equipment on the street to clear snow from curb to curb.



Shared Off-Site Parking

The Establishment of a shared parking area could provide an alternative for those living on Sam Crescent and Tyler Street who do not have adequate off-street parking. The municipality owns a block of land at the end of Tyler Street; however, this land contains a stormwater detention pond and it may not be possible to add parking to this site. This would also become a challenge to I&O Staff to access and maintain the property. Accommodating parking on this property would also provide an additional liability for the municipality.

There is also a large undeveloped property at the end of Tyler Street and Sam Crescent owned by Elmsdale Lumber. Whether or not Elmsdale Lumber would consider allowing off-street parking on their property is not known.

With any off-site parking option, who would pay to establish and maintain the parking area would have to be determined. If Council would like this option explored further, staff would begin in-house discussions regarding the municipal property and with Elmsdale Lumber regarding the adjoining property.



Education

Staff could provide education regarding parking restrictions in the Autumn prior to the snow season to remind vehicle owners to find alternative parking and clear out their garages if it is needed for parking.

Conclusion

Staff have prepared five options noted below and are recommending that education be carried out to remind residents of their requirement to secure off-street parking prior to the winter season.

- Relaxed Enforcement
 - Enable year-round overnight on-street parking
 - Ban parking on one side of street only
 - Alternate side parking
- Shared off-site parking
- Education