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Information Item 2
Transportation Standing Committee
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TO: Chair and Members of Transportation Standing Committee

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SUBMITTED BY:

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DATE: October 30, 2014

SUBJECT: Status Update: Accommodating VON, Care Giver and Other Visitor Parking

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Item 9.2, Transportation Standing Committee, February 28, 2013, and, item 9.2, Transportation Standing Committee, August 7, 2013.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Sections 151 and 152 of the Motor Vehicle Act provide the Traffic Authority with powers to regulate parking on public streets. Sections 153 and 154 of the Motor Vehicle Act allows Regional Council, by by-law, to restrict or regulate parking.

By-law P-1000 -On-Street Parking Exemptions and Permits.

BACKGROUND

The Transportation Standing Committee has passed two motions related to accommodating on-street parking for care givers, visitors and residents. The initial motion, which passed February 28, 2013, directed staff to "...examine the possibility of making VON workers exempt from parking tickets at parking meters in HRM." The second motion, which passed August 7, 2013, directed staff to examine "...the possibility of developing a short-term visitor parking exemption for Permit Parking Only areas to facilitate parking for care givers, service providers and other related short-term resident parking needs and would give staff the direction to examine the possibilities more fully and come back to TSC with a recommended approach."

DISCUSSION

In response to the above motions, staff has been working on an update of *By-law P-1000 On-Street Parking Exemptions and Permits* to address these motions and to revise other parts of the By-law. Collectively, the changes are aimed at improving overall management and providing new options for residents to accommodate visitors, especially care givers and other service providers, and at improving parking access for residents who do not own vehicles, but may rent vehicles or use car share services.

The revisions of the by-law are close to being completed and it is expected that they will be brought forward to Transportation Standing Committee in February 2015.

While the proposed changes to the by-law are not directly related to the "Parking Strategy Project – Roadmap" initiative, staff are ensuring that there is no duplication and that the projects are complementary and in alignment.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications to this work.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

There has been no formal community engagement on this project, however the comments that have been received from the public are being fully considered in this project.

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