

**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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SUBJECT: Presentation on Implementation of Residential Permit Parking Only

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

At the June 28, 2011, meeting of Halifax Regional Council (item 10.3), staff was directed to proceed with the expansion of the Neighbourhood Permit Parking Only initiative.

BACKGROUND

Permit Parking Only is one of the parking controls that HRM uses to meet the objectives of the HRM Residential On-Street Parking Policy and the Regional Parking Functional Plan. This policy aims to optimize the balance of resident and non-resident parking on residential streets. Streets designated as Permit Parking Only restricts parking between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., except for residents with a residential parking exemption and for holders of monthly parking permits.

As part of the implementation of the ecoMobility project "TDM Migration Fund", Regional Council endorsed the expanded implementation of Permit Parking Only. In 2012, eight streets on the peninsula Halifax had a trial phase between April and December. Those streets all voted to retain Permit Parking Only on a permanent basis.

DISCUSSION

The attached presentation describes the results of the 2012 implementation of the project and future plans.

The project is helping to achieve a better balance between resident and non-resident parking needs and has significantly improved resident access to on-street parking. Residents, staff and non-resident parkers have requested changes to some aspects of the implementation of the policy. In particular, they have requested a new type of permit to allow for care giver and service provider parking and have requested a more “user friendly” process for acquiring visitor parking exemptions and for renewing monthly parking permits. Options to address these concerns will be developed by staff.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Residents have been engaged in all aspects of project implementation. There have been neighbourhood meetings to discuss the project, information flyers circulated to all residents at various points in the project, regular e-mail updates, and resident votes on trial implementation and permanent installation.

ATTACHMENTS

Presentation entitled: “Update on Neighbourhood Permit Parking Only Initiative”

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/commcoun/cc.html> then choose the appropriate Community Council and meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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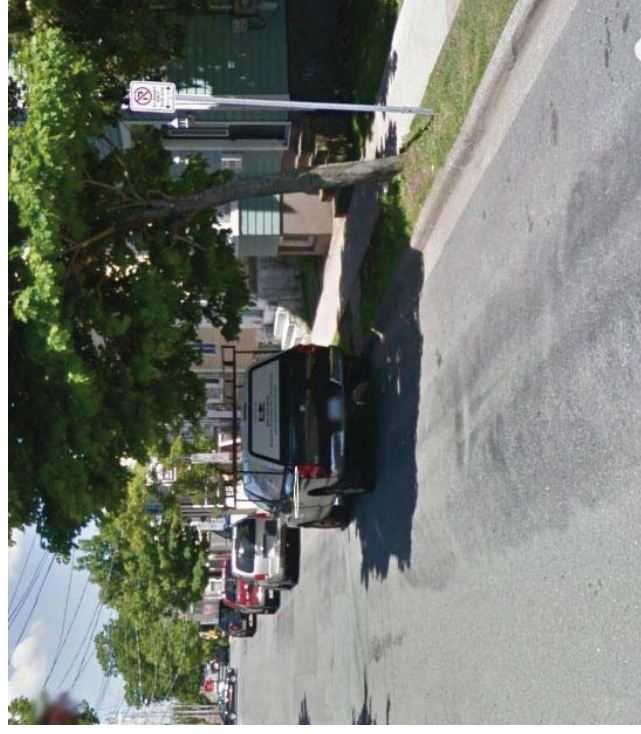
Update on Neighbourhood Permit Parking Only Initiative

To HRM Transportation Standing Committee

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By David MacIsaac

Regional Transportation Planning



Policy

“Permit Parking Only” is part of the HRM Residential On-Street Parking Policy (October 2002)

The objectives of this parking policy are to:

- improve the ability of local residents to obtain required parking on their street;
- reduce the incidence of blocked driveways by all day parkers on local streets;
- provide non-local residents with valid parking in high demand areas without having a negative effect on residential neighbourhoods; and
- to optimize the balance of parking between local and non-local residents.

Permit Parking Only Implementation Process

- 1) Request by residents (e.g. petition) or by district Councillor
- 2) Community information session
- 3) Vote on trial implementation
- 4) Three – six month trial phase
- 5) Sale of monthly parking permits
- 6) Permanent installation vote

2011-12 Implementation

- Streets solicited as part of the implementation of the ecoMobility TDM Migration Fund Project
 - See item 7.3 Transportation Standing Committee May 26, 2011
- Information sessions and votes held summer 2011
- Maynard, James, Divas Lane, Wright Ave., Falkland, West, Davison, Woodill vote “yes”
- Beech, Harris, Creighton, John vote “no”
- Implementation of trial delayed to after transit strike. Trial was April 2012 – December 2012

2012 Streets Converted to Permit Parking Only



Results of 2012 Trial (1)

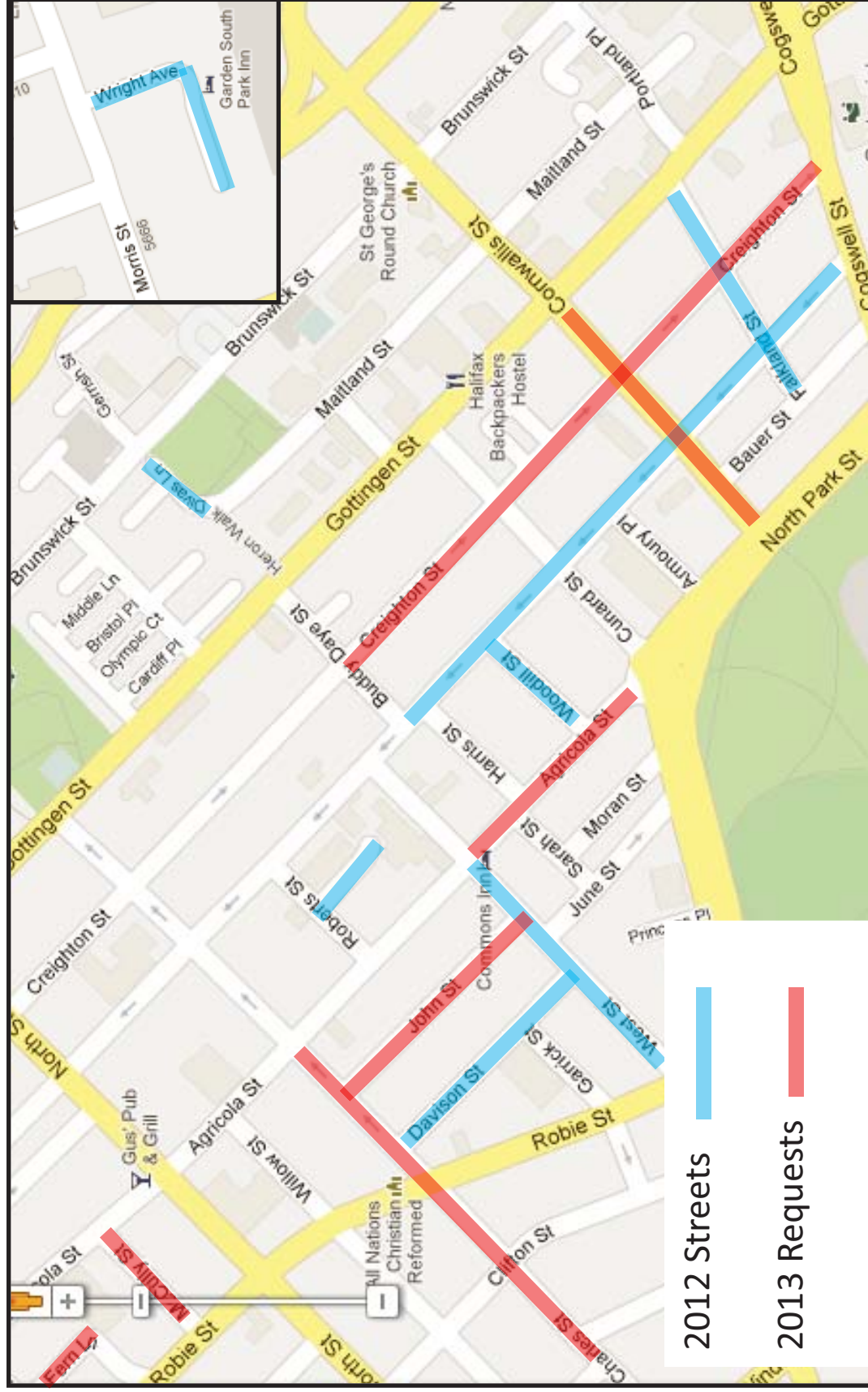
- All streets voted to retain “Permit Parking Only” permanently.
- Significantly improved access to on-street parking for residents.
- 285 monthly parking permits sold from April 2012 to February 1, 2013. \$8,500 in new revenue for TDM Migration Fund.
- Parking enforcement is more straightforward.
- Most streets were under capacity (non resident parkers moved to adjacent streets with unrestricted parking).

Results of 2012 Trial (2)

Suggestions for improvements by residents, area businesses and monthly permit holders:

- Better accommodate care givers (e.g. VON or family members) and service providers.
- More convenient system, (e.g. online) to acquire visitor permits and renew monthly permits.
- Accommodate residents without vehicles but with some parking needs (e.g. for carshare vehicles)
- More visitor parking.
- Agricola businesses concerned about reductions in on-street parking.

2013 Requests (so far)



Next Steps

- Requests from new streets to implement Permit Parking Only. Will begin 2013 streets in April.
- Technology assessment for online renewals and visitor permits.
- Review options to address care giver, service provider, car share. Would require changes to the by-law.
- HRM enforcement and licensing staff proposing changes to by-law on where permit placed in windshield.
- Changes to the design of the residential parking exemption sticker and application form.