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Halifax Regional Council
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TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:

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Ken Reashor, P.Eng., Traffic Authority

DATE: April 20, 2004

SUBJECT: West Street Petition - Residential Parking Policy

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

Peninsula Community Council meeting of February 16, 2004, item 9.2.

BACKGROUND

At the February 16, 2004 Peninsula Community Council meeting, a petition was served by Councillor Sloane regarding the development of an on-street residential parking pass policy for West Street, District 12. The establishment of "Parking by Permit Only" blocks is initiated by the residents of a street through HRM's By-law P-1000 "The On-Street Parking Exemptions and Permits By-Law".

DISCUSSION

Staff has reviewed the parking petition submitted by the residents of West Street. The petition is valid, containing twenty-six (26) (or 52 percent) of the fifty (50) eligible votes between Robie and Agricola Streets.

As indicated in the Information Report presented to Regional Council at the January 13, 2004 meeting (Subject: West Street Petition - Residential Parking Policy), staff had previously examined the West Street area and does not feel that it is an appropriate location for a "Parking by Permit Only" restriction.

Instead, staff proposed four viable parking control options for the residents of West Street:

- 1-Hr Parking
- 2-Hr Parking
- No Parking 10-11am and/or 2-3pm
- No Change (Remain as is)

Upon receiving the completed petition, staff presented these options to the residents of West Street through a mail-out survey. The residents were asked to review the proposed options and provide feedback as to which parking restriction would best meet the needs of the residents of West Street.

Fourteen (14) surveys were returned to staff. Results of the completed surveys were as follows:

Parking Control Option	Number in Favour
1-Hr Parking	2
2-Hr Parking	2
No Parking 10-11am and/or 2-3pm	5
No Change (Remain as is)	5
Total Returned	14

The survey results were reviewed on a block by block basis to get a better understanding of the needs and requests of the residents.

West Street - South Side

At the west end of West Street where current parking controls indicate "1-Hr Parking, 9am-6pm, Monday to Friday" (Civic No.5872 to 5848), four surveys were returned. One of the surveys returned indicated a preference for 1-Hr parking (existing conditions), and one survey requested "No Change".

Six surveys were returned from residents on the remainder of this south-side block (Civic No.5846

to June Street) which currently has unlimited parking. Four of these six surveys indicated a preference for "No Change".

On the south side of West Street from June Street to Civic No.5792 (currently unlimited parking), two surveys were returned. One survey indicated a preference for 1-Hr parking, the other requested 'No Parking 10-11am and/or 2-3pm'.

West Street - North Side

With the exception of a small 1-Hr parking zone at Agricola Street to accommodate the restaurant on the corner, the entire north side of West Street has unlimited parking. Only two surveys were returned from the north side of West Street. Both surveys indicated a preference for "No Parking 10-11am and/or 2-3pm".

According to staff, the survey results do not indicate clear resident support for any particular parking control option on any block. Based on the survey results, staff recommends that no adjustments be made to the parking restriction on West Street (Robie to Agricola Streets) at this time.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budget, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

ALTERNATIVES

There are no recommended alternatives.

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