

## **CITY OF VAUGHAN**

### **EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 23, 2018**

Item 16, Report No. 18, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on May 23, 2018.

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**16      TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO PARKING BY-LAW RESPECTING  
FIRE ROUTE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTION SIGNAGE**

**The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Deputy City Manager, Community Services, dated May 8, 2018:**

**Recommendation**

1.      That City Council amend the City's Parking By-law No. 1-96, as amended, in line with the specific changes provided in Attachment 1, subject to final wording and in a format satisfactory to the City Solicitor, Legal Services.

(A copy of the attachments referred to in the following report have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)

Item:



## Committee of the Whole Report

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**DATE:** Tuesday, May 08, 2018

**WARD(S):** ALL

**TITLE:** TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO PARKING BY-LAW RESPECTING FIRE ROUTE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTION SIGNAGE

**FROM:**

Mary Realì, Deputy City Manager, Community Services

**ACTION:** DECISION

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### **Purpose**

In order to ensure that all fire route and fire department connection signage in the City is compliant with the City's Parking By-law, staff are seeking authority from Council to make a technical amendment to the definitions of fire route sign and fire department connection sign.

### **Recommendation**

1. That City Council amend the City's Parking By-law No. 1-96, as amended, in line with the specific changes provided in Attachment 1, subject to final wording and in a format satisfactory to the City Solicitor, Legal Services.

### **Report Highlights**

- A number of by-law amendments respecting fire routes and its signage have taken place since the original Parking By-law was adopted in 1996.
- Over the years, there have been some anomalies with respect to the required signage on fire routes and at fire department connections.
- Staff recommend two technical amendments to the City's Parking By-law to ensure that all signage is regularized.

## **Background**

The City of Vaughan's current Parking By-law was adopted in 1996. The original by-law included parking prohibitions along fire routes and within three (3) metres of fire department connections. Over the years there have been a number of amendments to the requirements pertaining to the signage of these. As a result, staff identified some inconsistency in the signage.

Staff consulted with the Office of the Fire Chief and with the City Solicitor in the preparation of this report.

## **Previous Reports/Authority**

Parking [By-law 1-96](#).

Amending [By-law 140-96](#).

Amending [By-law 199-2010](#).

Amending [By-law 82-2012](#).

## **Analysis and Options**

Staff explored two options to deal with non-complaint signs: (1) address non-complaint signage by notifying private property owners and requiring them to erect complaint signage; or (2) amend the Parking By-law to incorporate all existing signage, subject to specified criteria.

### ***Requiring owners to erect complaint signage***

Some signage in the older areas of Vaughan, such as Thornhill, pre-date the City's 1996 By-law. Some signage reflects standards that have changed over the past 22 years, since the inception of the current regulations. Staff do not have a complete inventory of all such signage, as fire routes lie wholly on private property. Thus, aside from the cost to private property owners involved in sign replacement, the notification, inspection and enforcement process may prove both resource intensive and not comprehensive.

### ***Amending the Parking By-law***

Amending the Parking By-law to incorporate existing signage, subject to specific criteria, is a simpler and more comprehensive process. The new requirements would simply require signs to indicate that the area is either a fire route or fire access route, or has a fire department connection, and indicate that no parking is permitted.

The Ontario Fire Code, under section 2.5.1.4, requires that approved signs be displayed to indicate fire access routes. "Approved" means approved by the Fire Chief. In consultation with the Office of the Fire Chief, the amendments recommended pose no concern to Vaughan Fire & Rescue Services.

Signage would still have to meet size requirements and would additionally have to be acceptable to both the Fire Chief and the Director & Chief Licensing Officer, By-law and Compliance, Licensing and Permit Services.

### **Financial Impact**

The recommendation of this report does not have an impact on the City's budget.

### **Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations**

Not applicable.

### **Conclusion**

Amendments to the City's Parking By-law over the years have created some inconsistency in the signage that designates fire routes and identifies fire department connections. To most effectively address the issue, staff are recommending that the Parking By-law be amended to cover the various sign standards, still subject to the requirements of Vaughan Fire & Rescue Services.

**For more information**, please contact: Gus Michaels, Director, By-law and Compliance, Licensing and Permit Services, ext. 8735.

### **Attachment**

1. Amendments to Parking By-law 1-96, as amended.

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