

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

Item 16, Report No. 31, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on September 20, 2016.

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LA NEVE PARKING PILOT PROJECT

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Director of By-law & Compliance, Licensing & Permit Services, dated September 7, 2016:

Recommendation

The Director of By-law & Compliance, Licensing & Permit Services, in consultation with the Director of Transportation Services, Parks & Forestry Operations and the City Solicitor recommends:

1. That the Parking By-law No. 1-96, as amended, be amended:
 - a. to provide for a one-year pilot project for resident overnight on-street permit-parking on the east side of La Neve Avenue; and
 - b. to bring all the relevant schedules up to date with the current permit parking practices;
2. That the Fees and Charges By-law No. 171-2013, as amended, be amended to include monthly fees for 2016, 2017 and 2018 for all occupant on-street parking permits; and
3. That staff be authorized to undertake any other actions required to implement the one-year permit-parking pilot project on La Neve Avenue.

Contribution to Sustainability

Development and intensification continue to create additional resident parking pressures that are difficult to alleviate exclusively through off-street parking. To support sustainable growth the City continues to support initiatives that address growth pressures and maintain or improve livability.

As part of its ongoing commitment to explore parking alternatives for residents, the City continues to support on-street permit parking pilot projects on streets where it is both technically feasible and where the affected residents are generally in favour of the pilot project.

Economic Impact

Work associated with the proposed pilot includes an engineering assessment, sign installation, and administration and enforcement. The projected net cost of approximately \$300 will be absorbed within the existing approved budgets of By-Law, Compliance, Licensing and Permit Services and Transportation Services, Parks and Forestry Operations ("TSPFO").

TSPFO has determined that up to 13 parking spaces along La Neve Avenue can be provided as part of the pilot. The monthly permit fee, in accordance with established practice, will be \$50. If all 13 residents take up permits over the entire course of the pilot project, revenues will be \$7,800. However, staff expect the uptake to be no higher than 85% (based on the number of residents that signed a petition requesting overnight on-street parking*), which would then generate revenue of approximately \$6,600. The net economic impact is summarized below:

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| * Projected Revenues* | \$ 6,600 |
| Less: Estimated Pilot Costs | (\$ 6,900) |
| Net Impact | (\$ 300) |

** A lesser up-take by local residents will mean lower revenues. Uptake at Napa Valley Avenue (the only other residential street with resident permit parking) has averaged an up-take of about 65% over the last 18 months.*

Communication Plan

The La Neve pilot project was initiated in part through a petition of residents. These individuals will be notified of the measures being taken to implement the pilot project, which have also included tolerance measures on La Neve Avenue until the Parking By-law 1-96, as amended, is amended by Council to give effect to the pilot project.

Upon adoption of the by-law amendments by Council, TSPFO shall sign the street in accordance with prescribed standards.

Notice of the amendments to the Fees and Charges By-law recommended in this report was conducted in accordance with Section 4(4) of the City's Notice By-law No. 392-2002.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to give effect to the direction of Council at its June 28, 2016 meeting (Item 47, Report No. 27, of the Committee of the Whole) to establish a one-year pilot project to provide on-street overnight parking for residents of La Neve Avenue.

In addition, this report also recommends a number of technical amendments to bring the existing schedules in the Parking By-law and the Fees and Charges By-law in line with current permitting practices.

Background – Analysis and Options

At its meeting of June 28, City Council approved a member's resolution to implement an overnight parking permit pilot for one year, along La Neve Avenue. In order to allow for such a pilot project, the Parking By-law must be amended to provide for the issuing of permits and the Fees and Charges By-law must reflect the corresponding fee. TSPFO has undertaken an assessment of La Neve Avenue and determined that up to 13 permits may be issued.

When the current Parking By-law was passed in 1996, permit parking was in place for Bruce Street, Helen Street and Wallace Street. Since then, permit parking has been discontinued on Wallace and as a result staff are recommending that the street be removed from the By-laws on-street parking permit schedule.

In addition, a number of other streets have been approved by Council for pilot programs and some have been recommended for permanent permit parking; these streets are: Sharer Drive, Whitmore Road, Cidermill Avenue, Woodstream Boulevard, and Napa Valley Avenue. Although Council gave its approval, the Schedules in the Parking By-law were not updated accordingly. For greater transparency and consistency, staff are recommending that the aforementioned streets be added to the schedule in accordance with current practices.

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Of all the streets being added to the By-law's schedules, only Napa Valley Boulevard and La Neve Avenue are residential streets with overnight parking (i.e., between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.). For the remaining streets, permits are available to allow parking only between the times of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Staff will track and assess resident uptake, as well as issues and challenges arising from the pilot at La Neve Avenue, and will report back to Council with any additional recommendations.

Relationship to Term of Council Service Excellence Strategy Map (2014-2018)

The recommendations in this report support City Council's priorities by helping to improve the municipal network and the safety and well-being of citizens.

The recommendations are also consistent with the Vaughan Service Excellence Strategic Initiatives of Citizen Experience and Operational Performance through effective and consistent service delivery, continuous improvement, and demonstrating value for money.

Regional Implications

There are no regional implications as a result of the recommendations of this report.

Conclusion

The recommended amendments provide for a one-year resident overnight on-street permit parking pilot on La Neve Avenue. Prior to the conclusion of the pilot, staff will report back to Council on the uptake by residents and whether the on-street parking created any challenges.

The recommended amendments also bring both the Parking By-law and the Fees and Charges By-law in line with prior Council resolutions with respect to on-street parking permits.

Attachments

None.

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