Date: March 19, 2019

To: Chair and Members
   Committee of the Whole – Operations and Administration

From: E. (Beth) Goodger, General Manager
   Public Works Commission

1.0 Type of Report

   Consent Item [ ]
   Item For Consideration [X]

2.0 Topic

   Park Avenue – Request for an Accessible Parking Space [Financial Impact – None]

3.0 Recommendation

   A. THAT an accessible parking space BE BY-LAWED on Park Avenue in front of 111 Park Avenue; and


4.0 Purpose and Overview

   To by-law an accessible parking space in front of 111 Park Avenue.

5.0 Background

   An on-street accessible parking space in front of 111 Park Avenue has been requested.
6.0 Corporate Policy Context

The following long term desired outcome from the Strategic Plan is addressed with the recommendation:

Brantford will be supported by well-developed and maintained transportation and servicing infrastructure.

7.0 Input From Other Sources

A letter dated January 3, 2019 was delivered to the eleven (11) properties adjacent to 111 Park Avenue between Arthur Street and Mary Street. The letter, attached in Appendix “B”, outlined the proposed accessible parking zone. One (1) response to the letter has been received.

The respondent indicated that on-street parking is in high demand on the subject block of Park Avenue, and there are a limited number of on-street parking spaces. The comments noted concerns of someone having exclusive rights to an on-street parking space, as well as evidence from the other accessible parking spaces in the neighbourhood shows they are underutilized. Lastly, the comments identified concerns relating to turnover of tenants and how accessible parking space would remain when the space is no longer needed.

8.0 Analysis

Historically, Engineering Services has supported requests for an on-street accessible parking space provided that the following criteria are satisfied:

1. The Province has issued an accessible permit for parking to one of the residents of the subject property;
2. The requester either does not have available off-street parking or does not have adequate off-street parking;
3. On-street parking is permitted in front of the property;
4. The majority of the neighbouring property owners support the parking request for a by-lawed accessible parking space in front of the requester’s property.

Staff investigated the request for an accessible parking space and confirmed that 111 Park Avenue does not have off-street parking. On-street parking is available in front of the property; however alternate side of street parking is by-lawed on Park Avenue. Therefore, the accessible parking space will only benefit the resident in the second half of each month.
In response to public comments received, the requested accessible space would not be exclusive to the requester since any vehicle displaying a valid accessible permit issued by the Province can park in the space. By design, utilization of accessible space is typically lower than regular spaces to ensure accessible users can be accommodated at a specific location. In the event the requestor moves out of 111 Park Avenue, the requestor, property owner, or adjacent resident can request Engineering Services to remove the accessible parking space.

Engineering Services are satisfied that the location meets the warrant for an on-street accessible parking space. Therefore, staff support the request for an accessible parking zone in front of 111 Park Avenue. The location of the proposed accessible parking zone on Park Avenue is illustrated in Figure 1.

9.0 Financial Implications

The estimated cost to install accessible parking by permit only signs on Park Avenue is $300.

Funding for this work will be provided from the Operational Services operating budget.

10.0 Conclusion

The proposed accessible parking zone would satisfy the resident’s request for an accessible parking in front of 111 Park Avenue.
Figure 1 - Park Avenue - Proposed Accessible Zone
In adopting this report, is a by-law or agreement required? If so, it should be referenced in the recommendation section.

By-law required [X] yes [ ] no
Agreement(s) or other documents to be signed by Mayor and/or City Clerk [ ] yes [X] no
Is the necessary by-law or agreement being sent concurrently to Council? [X] yes [ ] no
APPENDIX “A”

A. Park Avenue – Request for an Accessible Parking Space

a) RECOMMEND that Schedule “26” of Parking By-law 144-88 which pertains to “Accessible Zone” BE AMENDED to provide the following:

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<tr>
<th>NAME OF STREET</th>
<th>SIDE OF STREET</th>
<th>LOCATION OF EXCLUSIVE ACCESSIBLE PARKING ZONE</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Park Avenue</td>
<td>East</td>
<td>From a point 36 metres south of the centre line of Arthur Street for a distance of 5.5 metres southerly</td>
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</table>
APPENDIX “B”

January 3, 2019

Request for an Accessible Parking Space
In Front of 111 Park Avenue

Dear Resident:

A request has been received to have an accessible parking space by-lawed in front of 111 Park Avenue. Historically, Engineering Services has supported requests for an on-street accessible parking space provided that the following criteria are satisfied:

1. The Province has issued an accessible parking permit to the resident of the subject property;
2. The requester either does not have a driveway or does not have adequate off-street parking;
3. On-street parking is permitted in front of the property;
4. The majority of the neighbouring property owners support the parking request for a by-lawed accessible parking space in front of the requester’s property.

Engineering Services are satisfied that the first three criteria noted above for the recommendation of an accessible parking space have been met. Since alternate side of street parking is by-lawed on this section of Park Avenue, the proposed accessible parking space will only apply in the second half of each month, when parking is permitted on the east side (odd numbered side) of Park Avenue. As such, staff will be recommending to Committee of the Whole – Operations and Administration, that an accessible parking space be by-lawed in front of 111 Park Avenue. The proposed accessible parking space in front of 111 Park Avenue is illustrated in the diagram attached to this letter.

Your input is important. Please contact Rob Smith, C.E.T., Transportation Technologist directly if you have any questions or comments regarding the proposed changes for Park Avenue at 519-759-4150 Ext. 5683 or e-mail at rsmith@brantford.ca before Friday, January 25, 2019.
Yours truly,

[Signature]

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