
street parking amendment, staff do not have delegated authority to proceed and must prepare a report to the Vision Zero Road Safety Committee (“VZRSC”) for discussion. The requirement of the VZRSC is to decide whether or not to proceed with the recommended parking control amendment, and report to Committee of the Whole – Operations with the VZRSC’s recommendation.

Operational Services received a request for on-street parking restrictions on both sides of the bend on The Strand Avenue adjacent to #16. The Strand Avenue is a residential Street and on-street parking is currently in high demand because of on-going construction at the Amber Lea Place retirement residence. Staff park on both sides of the street, which restrict sightlines and reduce the width of the roadway.

A parking amendment letter, dated January 18, 2023, was delivered to six (6) households. The letter is attached as Appendix “A” to this report. Fifty percent (50%) of the affected residents opposed the proposed parking control. The level of opposition received resulted in the requirement to report to the VZRSC for discussion and recommendation.

5.0 Analysis

Staff received (4) responses; one (1) in favour of the proposed parking control and three (3) opposed. The following is a summary of the comments received:

Comments received in support of parking amendment:

- Vehicles from Amber Lea are parking on the grass boulevard and causing damage.
- Would like No Parking on the bend, but not intrusive signage.

Comments received opposed to parking amendment:

- Strongly against the proposal. There was never a problem before.
- Do not do it - opposed to restriction. No issues until Amber Lea construction. The solution is to put the fence back.
- The proposed change will not enhance road safety
- Cannot recall an incident or accident occurring at the bend.
- Staff and visitors to Amber Lea Retirement Place would have to park farther away.
- Reduce the chance of family or visitors to park out front of the property.

The level of opposition received initiated additional discussion with affected residents. No collisions have been reported on The Strand Avenue in the area of the bend in the last five (5) years. Those opposed to on-street parking did not support the No Parking zone on the outside of the bend, but agreed that when vehicles park on the inside of the bend sightlines are restricted.

Obstructed sightlines on a bend is a common concern and often addressed by by-lawing No Parking on the inside of a bend. The restriction on the outside of the bend was proposed because of the negative impacts vehicles from Amber Lea Place are currently causing. Parking concerns are expected to decrease once construction completes later this year.

Staff recommend No Parking be by-lawed on the inside of the bend to address the sightline concern. The proposed No Parking zone is illustrated in Figure 1 below.

Staff recommend that Schedule "7" of Parking By-law 144-88, which pertains to "Parking Prohibited at Anytime", be amended as outlined in the attached Appendix "B".

Figure 1 - The Strand Avenue - Proposed No Parking zone



6.0 Financial Implications

The cost to install "No Parking" signage is \$200.

Signage and installation will be funded from the Operational Services operating budget.

7.0 Conclusion

The VZRSC is to review the requested parking control amendment to determine if it should be brought forward to Committee of the Whole - Operations for consideration.

Staff recommend that on-street parking be prohibited on the inside of the bend at #16 The Strand Avenue to address sightline concerns.

Following City Council's decision of the VZRSC recommendation, staff will update the City of Brantford parking website to provide the affected neighbourhood with an update of the parking control review.



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Attachments

Appendix "A" – The Strand Avenue parking amendment letter dated January 18, 2023
Appendix "B" – By-law Amendment – The Strand Avenue – Parking Control

In adopting this report, is a by-law or agreement required? If so, it should be referenced in the recommendation section.

By-law required yes no

Agreement(s) or other documents to be signed by Mayor and/or City Clerk yes no

Is the necessary by-law or agreement being sent concurrently to Council? yes no

APPENDIX "A"



January 18, 2023

<p style="text-align: center;">Request for On-Street Parking Amendment The Strand Avenue</p>

Dear Residents:

The following on-street parking amendment has been requested:

- **Street name:** The Strand Avenue
- **Requested location:** bend at 16 The Strand Avenue
- **Existing parking by-law:** generally permitted on both sides
- **Requested amendment:** no parking on both sides of the bend

The parking amendment is illustrated in the diagram on the reverse side of this letter. The request is being considered in accordance with "Public Works 021 – Amending On-street Parking Regulations Policy" approved by Council. A copy of the policy is available at www.brantford.ca/onstreetparking. Preliminary review by staff confirmed the request addresses safety concerns: sightlines and access.

Please contact Melissa Lachance, Transportation Technologist at 519-759-4150 Ext. 5182 or e-mail at mlachance@brantford.ca before Friday, February 3, 2023 if you have any questions or comments regarding the requested parking amendment. An update of the request will be available at www.brantford.ca/onstreetparking.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Smith", is written over a horizontal line.

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Supervisor of Transportation Services

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APPENDIX “B”

The Strand Avenue – Parking Control

- a) RECOMMEND that Schedule “7” of Parking By-law 144-88 which pertains to “Parking Prohibited at Anytime” BE AMENDED to provide the following:

<u>NAME OF STREET</u>	<u>SIDE OF STREET</u>	<u>LOCATION WHERE PARKING IS PROHIBITED</u>
The Strand Avenue	West	From a point 76 metres north of the centre line of St. George Street for a distance of 36 metres northerly