Date: February 12, 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  Traffic Report Banbury Road - Parking Control

3.0 Recommendation

   A. THAT Report 2019-42 pertaining to Banbury Road parking control BE RECEIVED; and

   B. THAT Option ____ as follows, as contained in Section 8.0 of Report 2019-42 BE APPROVED:

      (wording to be inserted based on Option identified)

4.0 Purpose and Overview

To seek Council direction on restricting on-street parking on Banbury Road from Brantwood Park Road (south intersection) to Gillin Road (west intersection).

Alternate side of street parking is currently by-lawed on Banbury Road. A review of on-street parking was undertaken by staff in response to a request received.
The review found that when vehicles are parked on the south side of Banbury Road, the sightlines from Gillin Road approaching Banbury Road are inadequate. To address this concern, the existing parking regulations on Banbury Road will need to be amended. A proposed amendment will provide adequate sightline from Gillin Road, as well as keep minimum widths required for 2-way traffic, street maintenance, emergency response, and driveway access.

5.0 Background

Staff was contacted to consider “No Parking” on the south side of Banbury Road, west of Gillin Road to improve sightlines.

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. Input From Other Sources

7.0 Input From Other Sources

A letter dated December 6, 2018 as shown in Appendix “A”, was delivered to the twelve (12) properties on both sides of Banbury Road between Brantwood Park Road and Gillin Road. The letter outlined the proposed parking control change on Banbury Road. Four (4) responses were received, each one expressing opposition for the proposed parking restriction.

The four (4) residents opposing the proposed parking restriction outlined similar concerns that are summarized as follows:

- Loss of on-street parking – residents do not want to lose the parking in front of their homes. Friends and family will have nowhere convenient to park.
- Speeding – although unrelated to the sightline concern, residents expressed concern regarding vehicular speeds on Banbury Road and felt staff should be addressing the speeding concern rather than removing on-street parking.
- Unwarranted – there has never been a collision at the intersection of Banbury Road at Gillin Road. The speed at which vehicles travel from Brantwood Park Road is the problem, the line of sight is not.
One resident circulated a petition to residents of Banbury Road and Gillin Road in response to the letter circulated by staff. The petition requested the following:

- Reduce the posted speed limit to 40 km/h on Banbury Road
- Conduct a traffic study to observe speeding and stop sign compliance
- Investigate alternative solutions to the Gillin Road visibility issue that would result in slower traffic and improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists. Traffic calming measures or all-way stop control were suggested.

8.0 Analysis

Alternate side of street parking is currently by-lawed on Banbury Road. When parking is allowed on the south side of Banbury Road during the second half of each month, sightlines are inadequate from Gillin Road approaching Banbury Road.

One collision has been reported at the intersection in 1997 that resulted in no injury or fatality.

Option 1 – “No Parking” on the south of Banbury Road (Brantwood Park Road to Gillin Road)

To address the above mentioned concern, staff recommend Option 1 - “No Parking” on the south side of Banbury Road from Brantwood Park Road to Gillin Road. On-street parking would be allowed on the north side of Banbury Road within the same limits. The proposed on-street parking layout would remove the alternate side of street parking layout, and provide parking on the north side which addresses the risk identified. A diagram illustrating the proposed on-street parking restriction on Banbury Road is shown in Figure 1.

In response to the residents’ comments, prohibiting parking on the south side and allowing parking on the north side does not change the current parking layout during the first half of each month. In the letter circulated to residents staff also identified currently by-lawed parking restrictions on the approach to Brantford Transit bus stops and within the intersection of Banbury Road at Gillin Road, some of which are not currently signed. Therefore, the adjacent residents were unaware that they existed and the diagram appeared to illustrate these restrictions as being proposed as well. Figure 1 of this report illustrates the current restrictions.

Should Council wish to implement Option 1, the following recommendation would form part of Clause B found in Section 3.0 of this Report:
Option 2 – Status Quo – alternate side of street parking on Banbury Road

With the number of concerns raised by affected residents, a second option would be to maintain alternate side of street parking on Banbury Road to ensure on-street parking is accommodated within close proximity to their homes.

Selecting this option is not recommended by staff because it would not address the initial concern raised by a resident and risks identified during the investigation. Selecting Option 2 would reflect the consensus from the affected residents in response to the letter dated December 6, 2018.

Should Council wish to implement Option 2, the following recommendation would form part of Clause B found in Section 3.0 of this Report:

(i) THAT alternate side of street parking on Banbury Road REMAIN in place.

In response to the request for speed studies to be conducted on Banbury Road, staff will arrange to conduct observations and determine appropriate action.

9.0 Financial Implications

The estimated cost to remove unnecessary existing parking restriction signs and install “No Parking” signs on Banbury Road is $500.

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

10.0 Conclusion

The proposed on-street parking plan has been prepared to restrict on-street parking on the south side of Banbury Road from Brantwood Park Road to Gillin Road. This configuration would ensure safety standards are met.
Figure 1 – Banbury Road – Parking Control
Attachments

Appendix “A” – Banbury Road Residents Letter

Appendix “B” – By-law Amendment – Banbury Road – 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 [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
Dear Resident:

Engineering Services has received a concern relating to sightlines from Gillin Road approaching Banbury Road when vehicles park on the south side of Banbury Road. To address this concern, the existing parking regulations on Banbury Road will need to be amended. A proposed amendment will provide adequate sightline from Gillin Road, as well as keep minimum widths required for 2-way traffic, street maintenance, emergency response, and driveway access. A diagram illustrating the proposed parking changes on Banbury Road is provided on the reverse side of this letter.

The proposed on-street parking would prohibit parking on the south (odd number) side of Banbury Road between Brantwood Park Road and Gillin Road. No Parking signs would also be installed to prevent vehicles from parking within the intersection of Banbury Road and Gillin Road, including within 25 metres of existing bus stops.

The proposed change is expected to improve overall safety of the neighbourhood and save tax dollars through maintenance efficiency. A parking by-law amendment is required prior to the implementation of the proposed changes. As such, a recommendation will be forwarded to a future Committee of the Whole – Operations and Administration meeting to amend the pertaining by-laws.

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 Banbury Road at 519-759-4150 Ext. 5683 or e-mail at rsmith@brantford.ca before Friday, December 21, 2018.

Yours truly,

Ting Ku, P. Eng., PTOE
Manager, Transportation Services

CC: Councillor C. Antoski
    Councillor R. Carpenter
    R. Loukes, P. Eng., Director of Engineering Services
    E. (Beth) Goodger, General Manager, Public Works Commission
APPENDIX “B”

A.  Banbury Road – 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:

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<td>Banbury Road</td>
<td>South</td>
<td>From Brantwood Park Road (south intersection) to Gillin Road (west intersection)</td>
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b)  RECOMMEND that Schedule “11” of Parking By-law 144-88 which pertains to “Alternate Side of Street Parking” BE REPEALED as follows:

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<td>By-law 164-91</td>
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<td>Brantwood Park Road (north intersection) to Gillin Road (west intersection)</td>
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No parking from 12 noon, 1st day of each month until 9 pm, 15th day of each month, Monday through Saturday

No parking from 12 noon, 16th day of each month until 9 pm, last day of each month, Monday through Saturday