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**To** Chair and Members

Vision Zero Road Safety Committee

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#### 1.0 Type of Report

Consent Item []
Item For Consideration [X]

# 2.0 Topic On-street Parking Amendment – Buchanan Crescent [Financial Impact – None]

#### 3.0 Recommendation

- A. THAT report no. 2021-549 regarding "On-street Parking Amendment Buchanan Crescent" BE RECEIVED; and
- B. THAT staff be DIRECTED to maintain the current parking conditions on Buchanan Street.

## 4.0 Executive Summary

This report will provide information on a parking control amendment for discussion at the Vision Zero Road Safety Committee ("VZRSC").

Operational Services received a request for parking restrictions from a concerned area resident on the inside curve of Buchanan Crescent across from Digby Court. A total of seven (7) letters were delivered to residents in the affected neighbourhood, resulting in three (3) responses, all of which were opposed to the parking restrictions.

In accordance with Public Works-021 Amending On-street Parking Regulations policy ("policy"), if a result of at least 25% of effected households oppose any changes, Operational Services are required to report to the Vision Zero Road Safety Committee ("VZRSC").

Based on the safety and operational review and the lack of support from area residents, staff does not recommend changes to the existing parking regulations on Buchanan Crescent.

#### **5.0** Purpose and Overview

To present to the VZRSC one (1) requested on-street parking amendment for discussion and recommendation to City Council.

# 6.0 Background

Public Works-021 Amending On-street Parking Regulations policy ("policy") was approved by City Council in November, 2019. The policy provides direction to staff and the process required to investigate requests for parking amendments on municipal roadways.

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# 7.0 Corporate Policy Context

City of Brantford Council Priorities, 2020-2021, #3:

 A safe, efficient transportation system connects the community across neighbourhoods, with neighbouring communities and provincial transportation network.

## 8.0 Input From Other Sources

Input received from Buchanan Crescent affected households is outlined in the Analysis section of this report.

## 9.0 Analysis

The requested parking amendment was reviewed through the work flow outlined in the policy.

A review of the collision history revealed there have been zero collisions at this location over the past five (5) years. Buchanan Crescent is landlocked, as a result, traffic volumes are low and the roadway is primarily only utilized by residents that live on Buchanan Crescent or Digby Court. Based on this information, the requirement for parking restrictions from a safety or operational perspective are not warranted.

Operational Services undertook a survey to solicit feedback from residents who would be most affected by the parking restrictions. A total of seven (7) surveys were delivered and three (3) responses were received. At least twenty-five (25%) percent of the affected households opposed the amendments, as outline in Table 1 below, resulting in staff forwarding a report to the VZRSC as per the policy.

Buchanan Crescent's on-street parking amendment and illustrations are summarized in Table 1 and Figure 1 below:

Table 1 – Buchanan Crescent - On-Street Parking Amendment

Street name (Ward):	Requested location:
Buchanan Crescent	Inside of the bend near 47 Buchanan Crescent
(Ward 4)	(full length of street)
Requested parking amendment:	
No Parking Anytime on the inside of the bend near 47 Buchanan Crescent	
(Existing parking by-law: Alternate side of street parking, December – March)	
Letters delivered: 7	Responses received: 3

#### **High-level Comment Summary:**

Support (0):

#### Opposed (3 - 43%):

- Most driveways are single car only and the on-street parking is used extensively
- There have been no issues in the past with parked vehicles causing incidents, the parking spaces are needed

#### Analysis:

- The three homes that would be most affected by the removal of parking all opposed the proposed on-street amendment
- There are no reported collision at the location that were caused by parked vehicles on the inside of the bend
- Staff recommend leaving current parking situation as is, and monitor for any future collisions that may have been caused by parked vehicles

44 Buchanan Crescent Proposed "No Parking Anytime" **Buchanan Crescent** 46 48 52 8 2 6

Figure 1 – Buchanan Crescent - Proposed On-street Parking Amendment

#### 10.0 Financial Implications

There are not financial implications resulting from this report.

#### 11.0 Conclusion

Based on the safety and operational review and the lack of support from area residents, staff does not recommend changes to the existing parking regulations on Buchanan Crescent.

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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 [X] 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? [] yes [X] no