

Municipality of Chatham-Kent
Infrastructure and Engineering Services
Engineering and Transportation Division

To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Chris Thibert, P. Eng
Director, Engineering and Transportation
Date: May 15, 2020
Subject: Mitchell's Bay Pier - Parking Recommendations

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

1. Schedule "G" (Permitted Angle Parking) of By-law 245-2004 be amended to reflect the appropriate limits of angle parking along the north side of the pier in the Community of Mitchell's Bay.
2. Schedule "C" (Parking Prohibited) of By-law 245-2004 be amended to reflect the appropriate limits of prohibited parking along the south side of the pier in the Community of Mitchell's Bay.

Background

Council contacted the Engineering and Transportation Division on behalf of the Mitchell's Bay Area Association (MBAA) to investigate a solution to parking congestion issues and improve safety for pedestrians at the Mitchell's Bay pier east of the Main Street limit, adjacent to the community beach and playground.

Comments

The Engineering and Transportation Division attended an onsite meeting with several neighbours and members of the MBAA to discuss possible changes to parking at the pier in Mitchell's Bay. The MBAA had safety concerns, which stem from the unorganized and congested parking along the pier, especially during high-peak seasons such as ice-fishing and summer beach activities.

The recommendations in this report will alleviate the safety concerns expressed by the MBAA, while still allowing for public access to the pier, which was expressed as being a valued activity for the community members in Mitchell's Bay.

During the review of the area it was found that there is not sufficient space to allow for parking on both sides of the pier while maintaining safe pedestrian access to the pier.

Therefore, administration is recommending that the following parking measures be implemented.

1. Permitted Angle Parking on the north side of pier

Parking is currently permitted along the north side of the pier adjacent to the community park. While there is currently a large public parking lot for the community beach and playground area, the MBAA requested this parking remain on the north side of the pier. The installation of angle parking stalls will define and organize the parking along this area without restricting its current use.

An amendment is required in the Traffic and Parking By-law #245-2004, Schedule G (Permitted Angle Parking), in order to recognize the changes in parking along the north side of the Mitchell's Bay pier. A By-law amendment (Appendix A) is included in the Council package for approval.

2. No Parking Restriction on the south side of the pier

Since parking on the both sides of the pier has created congestion and safety concerns and the angle parking on the north side of the pier is the preferred parking option, administration is recommending restricting parking on the south side of the pier, from Hingle Point Line to 52 meters west of Hingle Point Line.

An amendment is required in the Traffic and Parking By-law #245-2004, Schedule C (Parking Prohibited), in order to recognize the changes in parking along the south side of the Mitchell's Bay pier. A By-law amendment (Appendix B) is included in the Council package for approval.

Parking Restriction Maintenance

During the review of the Mitchell's Bay pier and parking recommendations, administration surveyed the current by-lawed parking restrictions throughout the Community of Mitchell's Bay. Several signs were found to be missing and will be replaced as part of routine sign maintenance.

Consultation

The Mitchell's Bay Area Association, Manager, Parks and Open Spaces and a Ward 4 Councillor have been consulted in the preparation of this report and agree with the recommendations.

Financial Implications

The installation of painted angle parking stalls will be added to the pavement marking contract. The required sign installations for the angle parking and the no parking restriction will be covered under the Public Works sign maintenance budget.

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Attachment: Appendix A – By-Law Amendment
Appendix B – By-Law Amendment

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Appendix A

By-law Number _____

Of The Corporation
of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent

A By-law to amend By-law Number 245-2004 of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent.
(Angle Parking Permitted at Mitchell's Bay Pier in the Community of Mitchell's Bay)

Finally Passed the ____ day of _____, 2020.

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent did enact By-Law 245-2004 for the purpose of regulating traffic on highways in the Municipality of Chatham-Kent.

AND WHEREAS the Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent now deems it expedient to amend certain provisions of said By-law 245-2004.

Be it Therefore Enacted by the Municipal Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent as follows:

1. Schedule "G" (Permitted Angle Parking) of By-law 245-2004 be and the same is hereby amended by adding thereto and inserting therein:

COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2	COLUMN 3	COLUMN 4
<u>HIGHWAY</u>	<u>SIDE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
a) Mitchell's Bay Pier	North	10 m east of pier limit	43 m east of pier limit

This By-law shall come into full force and effect upon the final passing thereof.

Read a First, Second and Third Time this ____ day of _____, 2020

Mayor – Darrin Canniff

Clerk - Judy Smith

Appendix B

By-law Number _____

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AND WHEREAS the Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent now deems it expedient to amend certain provisions of said By-law 245-2004.

Be it Therefore Enacted by the Municipal Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent as follows:

1. Schedule "C" (Parking Prohibited) of By-law 245-2004 be and the same is hereby amended by adding thereto and inserting therein:

COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2	COLUMN 3	COLUMN 4	COLUMN 5
<u>HIGHWAY</u>	<u>SIDE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>TIME(s)/DAY(s)</u>
a) Mitchell's Bay Pier	South	Hingle Point Line	52 m west of Hingle Point Line	Anytime

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