



Staff Report

Report To: Council Meeting
From: Lee Gosnell, Manager of Operations & Community Services
Date: 2024-08-15
Subject: Parking By-Law Amendment - 2024-21-Operations Community Services.docx

Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Lee Gosnell, Manager of Operations and Community Services; and,

That By-Law 2001-50, “being a By-Law to regulate parking and traffic in the Municipality of West Elgin” be amended to establish restricted parking zones as follows:

- Munroe Street in West Lorne, north side, from the west property limits of Graham Road to a point 103 meters west of the west property limit of Graham Road.
- Munroe Street in West Lorne, south side, from the east property limits of Ridge Street to the west property limits of Graham Road, being a distance of 140 meters.
- Centre Street in Rodney, north side, from a point 130 meters west of the west limits of Furnival Road to the west end of the ROW known as Centre Street, being a distance of 70 meters

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to seek West Elgin Council’s approval for amendment of the current Parking By-Law, as outlined under the recommendations section of this report.

Background:

This report identifies two areas within the Municipality of West Elgin that would benefit from the addition of parking restrictions.

The first of these two areas is Munroe Street in West Lorne, between Graham Road and Ridge Street. With the addition of Tim Hortons in 2023, vehicles utilizing this section of Munroe Street to access the business has increased significantly. Although traffic flows in/out of the business are acceptable, motorists choosing to stop along the travelled portion of Munroe Street vs. entering the parking area create an unwanted hazard. Reduced visibility, increased pedestrian traffic and idling vehicles can all be attributed to this reoccurring problem. The implementation of a restricted parking zone in this area should provide a safer experience for motorists and pedestrians.

The second area being recommended for parking restrictions is Centre Street in Rodney, west of Furnival Road. There is currently one industry that utilizes this road for access to its’ shipping & receiving department, as well as one residential property. This resident has expressed concern that trucks are stopping on the street in front of his property for tasks such as opening/closing trailer

doors, thus blocking their driveway in the process. Although business representatives have taken steps to inform drivers this behavior is unwanted, the message is hard to distribute effectively when there are constantly new drivers attending the site. Staff met with the plant manager, and it was decided that the implementation of a restricted parking area on the north side of Centre Street, adjacent to the residents' property, would be appropriate. The associated signage should inform drivers this action is not allowed and alleviate some of the residents' concerns in the process.

Financial Implications:

These newly established, restricted parking zones would require nine signs for proper implementation. With an estimated cost of \$190.00 per sign (including installation), approval of this amendment would cost a total of \$1,710.00. Signage costs would be allocated to the safety portion of the 2024 public works budget.

Alignment with Strategic Priorities:

Infrastructure Improvement	Recreation	Economic Development	Community Engagement
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To improve West Elgin's infrastructure to support long-term growth.	<input type="checkbox"/> To provide recreation and leisure activities to attract and retain residents.	<input type="checkbox"/> To ensure a strong economy that supports growth and maintains a lower cost of living.	<input type="checkbox"/> To enhance communication with residents.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lee Gosnell
 Manager of Operations and Community Services

Report Approval Details

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Attachments:	
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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