

Presentation to Niagara-On-The-Lake Town Council

Application of Parking By-Law 4308-09 in “The Village”

A Request for Help

Sep 9, 2019



Outline

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Attachment – Google Map of The Village

The Village and its Unique Design Features

- Design based on “New Urbanism” which promotes:
 - Smaller lots with rear garages accessed via laneways.
 - Minimal front yards with sidewalks near roadway.
 - Narrower, curved, short streets to naturally calm (slow) traffic.
 - On-street parking to –
 - Further calm traffic and ensure pedestrian and cyclist safety from traffic.
 - Meet incremental parking needs.
- Lord Mayor Dietsch and Council co-hosted initial public planning process.
- “The Village” design, with its explicit and implicit design features, was approved by the Town.



Conflict Created by Current By-Law and The Village Design

- Current By-Law 4308-09:
 - 205.01.10 - Limits street parking to 12 hrs max;
 - 205.01.11 - No street parking allowed between 2 A.M. and 6 A.M.
- By-Law enforced 3 years ago and again starting in August
 - 3 years ago, Council recognized that a solution was required.
 - Promised an enforcement moratorium until solution implemented.
- The Village design necessitates overnight street parking
 - Streets replace role of front driveways for extra car parking.
 - Overnight guests and/or care givers, improved access for disabled
 - Adult children attending local collages or starting first jobs
 - Streets mitigate undersized garages built in first phase.
 - No off-street visitor parking included in The Village design.
- Residents feeling stressed and harassed by nightly patrols
 - Need to watch for enforcement vehicle to pass and then move car.

Request For Help

- To state the obvious –
 - Current situation is untenable.
 - Obvious disconnect between Parking By-Law and The Village design.
 - Too late to change the design of The Village.
 - We need The Lord Mayor, Council and Town Staff to develop a viable long term solution.
 - The Village residents are more than willing to help, but we can't do it alone.
- In the interim, we would respectfully request that By-Law enforcement be limited to those situations which represent a true safety concern.
 - By-Law 4744-14 (Administrative Penalty System)
 - 12. An Officer who has reason to believe that a Person has contravened a provision of a Designated By-Law **may** issue a Penalty Notice to that Person. (our emphases)

Questions?

