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The Corporation of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake

Information Report to Council

SUBJECT: Parking Restrictions on Regent Street
between Centre St. and William St.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Further to resident concerns regarding congestion on Regent St. between Centre and Williams Street and poor traffic visibility at the William/Regent intersection, it was resolved at the July 17, 2017 session of Council that "Operations staff review the parking regulations on Regent Street between Centre and William Streets, and make the adjustments they feel appropriate that will allow for adequate traffic flow and pedestrian access."

Site observations revealed a problem with visibility at the Regent/William intersection, with sight lines restricted by parked vehicles crowding the intersection. In addition, photographs provided by an adjacent resident showed vehicles parked on both sides of Regent St. between William and Centre Streets which restricts traffic to one lane of travel. Although this constriction occurs mainly on peak season weekends when Regent St. is used for parking by visitors attending the Festival Theatre, it is a situation which requires parking restrictions to ensure the free passage of two-way traffic and emergency vehicles.

NEXT STEP / CONCLUSION

Prohibiting parking on the west side of Regent Street between Centre Street and William Street to maintain the safe flow of two-way traffic is in keeping with the Town's practice of restricting parking on the same side of consecutive blocks

between major crossing roadways. In addition, there are no "fronting" driveways on the west side of this block of Regent, so a west-side parking restriction will not inconvenience adjacent homeowners. Temporary 'No Parking" signs have already been installed, and a permanent prohibition will be included in the next revision of the Parking and Traffic By-Law.

To improve sightlines at the Regent/William intersection, "No Parking" signs will be installed on both sides of Regent and William Streets within 22 metres of the intersection. This restriction is authorized under Section 205.02.03 of the Parking and Traffic By-Law and is enacted by erecting the appropriate signage.

An adjacent business which relies on the availability of on-street parking in this area has been notified regarding these new restrictions.

ATTACHMENTS