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Date: April 2, 2019
To: Mayor and Council
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RE: Traffic By-Law Revisions – Allen and Long Court
Report No.: MS 2019 – 16

AIM

To provide Council with information relating to recent requests for revision to Kingsville Traffic By-Law 21-2005.

BACKGROUND

In December of 2018, the Town received correspondence from the Essex Windsor Solid Waste Authority (EWSWA) and Windsor Disposal Services (WDS) in regards to a possible safety concern on Allen Court. Specifically, a concern from a WDS driver having to operate a recycling truck on Allen Court while a school bus is parked roadside.

Prior to this event, the Town also received a complaint from a resident of Allen Court regarding school bus parking on this roadway.

DISCUSSION

In response to the above, the Town hosted an open house on March 26, 2019 to collect public feedback on the following proposed traffic by-law revisions:

- *Addition of 'No Parking' signs on both sides of Allen Court*
- *Addition of 'No Parking' signs on both sides of Long Court*

Long Court was included as a proposed revision due to its close proximity to Allen Court and further because both roadways are very similar in design.

After collecting and reviewing feedback associated with potential parking prohibitions on Allen and Long Court, it is apparent the majority of residents would prefer to maintain their parking. Forty comments received were in favor of roadside parking whereas three comments received were in favor of a parking prohibition.

An internal investigation of the original safety concern presented to the Town in December of 2018 by the EWSWA and WDS has been completed. It is their determination that the concern is not genuine and does not require modifications to the current parking arrangement.

Discussions with the Kingsville Fire Chief affirms that although cul-de-sacs with parking are not ideal, they are manageable during emergency situations.

For the reasons outlined above, no changes to parking on Allen or Long Court are recommended.

Section 14.(5) (below) of the Kingsville Traffic By-Law was also included for discussion at the open house for two reasons. First, this provision relates to school bus parking. Second, the OPP have experienced difficulties when attempting to enforce this provision as the current wording is too ambiguous. The intent of the open house was to collect feedback from residents for any desired revisions to this section.

- *No person shall park a bus, commercial/personal trailers, boats or recreational vehicles on any highway overnight and not more than five (5) hours during the day.*

Only a few respondents submitted comments with respect to any desired revisions of Section 14.(5). Minimal feedback usually indicates the majority of residents are either satisfied with the current provision or have no particular interest in the provision. The feedback collected is not sufficient enough to recommend any potential changes to Council. However, the ambiguity of the provision is still an issue. "Overnight" is open to interpretation and "not more than five (5) hours during the day" is difficult for an officer to verify without continuous monitoring. Therefore, it is recommended that this provision be revised to indicate a specific time range and included in the next traffic open house for public comment. The following is an example of a potential revision:

- *Parking of buses, commercial/personal trailers, boats or recreational vehicles on any highway shall only be permitted from 9:00am to 3:00pm daily.*

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Promote the betterment, self-image and attitude of the community.

To promote a safe community.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial considerations associated with the recommendations to Council.

CONSULTATIONS

Kingsville Residents

Kingsville Administration

EWSWA

WDS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receives this report as it relates to parking on Allen and Long Court;

And That Council direct administration to revise Section 14.(5) of the Kingsville Traffic By-Law to indicate a specific time range for parking, and to include the proposed amendment in the next traffic open house for public comment.

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