



CORPORATE REPORT
The Corporation of the Town of Wasaga Beach
Meeting Date: 5/15/2025

DATE: 5/9/2025

SUBJECT: Parking Request – 40th Street North

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REPORT NUMBER: 2025/05/15-34

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** the report titled: Parking Request – 40th Street North, to the Council meeting of May 15, 2025, be received;
2. **THAT** the request to prohibit on-street parking on 40th Street North be granted on a temporary basis until such time as a more fulsome Parking Strategy can be undertaken by the Town to determine whether on-street parking should be permanently prohibited on 40th Street North;
3. **THAT** if further requests are received to consider prohibiting on-street parking prior to the Parking Strategy being undertaken, a minimum of 90% neighbour support on the impacted street be requested prior to Council's consideration of the request; and
4. **THAT** the municipal Dunkerron parking lot be retained until such time as a more fulsome parking strategy has been undertaken.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- Residents from 40th Street North requested that on-street parking be prohibited on their street.
- A signed petition was received from the majority of residents making this request.
- Permitting this request on a temporary basis will allow the Town time to monitor impacts of the decision, as well as provide an opportunity to revisit the decision should it be in conflict with any future Parking Strategy recommendations.

BACKGROUND:

Residents of 40th Street North contacted the Town requesting removal of on-street parking.

DISCUSSION:

Residents of 40th Street North contacted the Town to request a prohibition of on-street parking. Reasons for the request include the following:

- 40th Street is relatively narrow;
- Linda Lane terminates at 40th Street exacerbating traffic issues;
- With on-street car parking the street functions as a yield street and can be challenging for pedestrians;
- The street also functions as a shared-street and residents are of the opinion that on-street parking is contributing to safety concerns;
- Parked cars can cause access/egress concerns for residents as a result of the narrow travel lanes;
- Parking is being primarily utilized by day-trippers who are trying to avoid paying for parking at public lots; and
- Off-street parking opportunities should be prioritized for day-trippers.

Residents were asked to provide a letter demonstrating that the majority of residents support this parking change. They have complied and provided the Town with a list of signatures from homeowners on 40th Street North. The Town currently does not have a policy for a threshold that residents must achieve to make changes to their street; however, it is recommended that 90% approval be required moving forward. This ensures that the majority of residents agree and support the change. It also allows residents to have a democratic voice in shaping their immediate neighbourhood environment.

There are currently off-street parking opportunities throughout town at both municipal and provincial lots. It is anticipated that a Parking Strategy will review the number and location of off-street parking opportunities to determine if there is adequate parking in town. Given the impending parking strategy, it is recommended that the Dunkerron Lot (that was being considered for surplus declaration) be retained pending the outcome of the strategy.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Term of Council Priorities:

This report has relevance to TOCP's # D. Pursue Complete Streets and S. 65 Seek ways to make government more transparent.

CONCLUSION:

Residents of 40th Street North have requested the elimination of on-street parking. Until such time as a more fulsome Parking Strategy can be undertaken, it is recommended that this request be granted.

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