



INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Chair and Members Planning Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	December 5, 2017
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Elimination of Paid On-Street Metered Parking on Thursday and Friday Evenings (PED17225) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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Council Direction:

At its meeting of March 23, 2017, the General Issues Committee approved the following:

“That staff be directed to review the matter of offering free on-street metered parking, city-wide, on Thursday and Friday nights and report back to the Planning Committee.”

Information:

Currently, 2,141 of the 2,738 on-street metered parking spaces (i.e. 78%) in the City of Hamilton operate until 6:00 p.m. from Monday to Wednesday and 9:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday evenings. These operating hours were in place prior to 1987 to abide by the *Regional Store Hours By-law R79-202*. In April 1987, the By-law was changed, in response to Provincial legislation, to allow stores to open until 9:00 p.m. on all weekdays; however, discussions with relative stakeholders resulted in the decision that parking meter hours should remain status quo.

Based on an audit of these meters, it is estimated that changing the Thursday and Friday operating hours to 6:00 p.m. would result in a revenue loss of approximately \$210,000 annually.

Should Council wish to consider this change it could be referred to the 2018 Budget Process.

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