

HMPS PARKING UPDATE

Meeting with Business Improvement Areas

December 10, 2019

DISCUSSION POINT

At the November 19th meeting of Planning Committee the following motion was approved.

“That the options of a \$0.25 and \$0.50 increase for on-street metered parking be referred to local Business Improvement Areas for feedback.”

A copy of the staff report is attached for your information.

Background

At the November 5th meeting of Planning Committee staff were directed to report back to the next Planning Committee meeting with options and alternatives related to increasing fees of metered parking spaces, off-street lots and parking fines, and the information include, but not be limited to, the fees charged by comparable municipalities.

Table 1.0 below illustrates information regarding average on-street hourly rates from comparative municipalities. Of the seven municipalities included in the comparison, the average rate is \$2 per hour and Hamilton is the third lowest.

Table 1 – Rate Comparison with Peer Municipalities

MUNICIPALITY	AVERAGE ON-STREET HOURLY RATE
Calgary	\$3.31
Montreal	\$2.00
Sudbury	\$1.30
Windsor	\$1.75
Thunder Bay	\$1.25
Winnipeg	\$3.00
London	\$1.50
AVERAGE	\$2.02
Hamilton	\$1.50

As identified within the staff report on-street metered parking is in place in Downtown Hamilton and the majority of the BIAs. Current rates for on-street parking are \$1.50 per hour. Metered parking is enforced from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday in the Downtown. Outside of the Downtown, meters are enforced Monday to Wednesday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Thursday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. The last change to on-street parking rates was implemented in June 2017, prior to which rates were \$1 per hour.

Other Potential Changes

As identified in the November 19th, 2019 Information Report, other potential changes to parking rates include the following:

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- Increasing daily off-street parking rates in lots and Parkades in Downtown Hamilton
- Introducing paid parking on weekends in Downtown Hamilton
- Adjusting fine amounts for parking penalties

City Ask

That the BIA's review the proposed on-street meter increases (\$.25 and \$.50) and provided feedback by January 10th.

Note that in addition to feedback on the specific issue of parking meter rates, the on-going Parking Master Plan will be a conduit for feedback on a broader range of parking policies.

Thank you