



CITY OF HAMILTON
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Transportation Planning and Parking Division

TO:	Chair and Members Planning Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	September 17, 2019
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Greensville Area Special Event Parking Pilot Program (PED19189) (Ward 13)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Ward 13
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SIGNATURE:	

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- (1) That the following Special Event Parking Plan be adopted for local residential streets on Saturdays, Sundays and Statutory Holidays from March 15 to November 15 (Waterfalls tourism season), on an as needed basis, in the area of the Special Fine Zone as noted in Schedule 23 of Parking By-law No. 01-218 as an 18-month pilot project;
 - (a) That the boundaries for the Special Event Parking Plan be defined per Schedule 23 of Parking By-law 01-218 as shown on the map attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED19189;
 - (b) That residential streets currently identified to take part in the pilot project involving parking permits be defined as shown on the map attached as Appendix "B" to Report PED19189;
 - (c) That permit parking restrictions be in effect where signed on local residential streets within the defined boundaries during the Waterfall tourism season in Greensville;
 - (d) That Staff be authorized to implement the Special Event Parking Plan during the Waterfall tourism season in Greensville as deemed necessary in consultation with the Ward Councillor;

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- (e) That special event parking permits be issued at no charge to area residents and their guests in accordance with the following criteria;
 - (i) Special event parking permits will be issued to residents in one, two or three family dwellings within the defined special event parking area. These permits can be obtained at the Dundas Municipal Service Centre, 60 Main Street West in Dundas, or will be mailed out to the requesting address;
 - (ii) Special event parking permits will not be issued to businesses and/or their employees;
 - (iii) Commercial or heavy vehicles will not be eligible for permits as parking is prohibited for these classes of vehicles on local residential streets under the general provisions of Parking By-law 01-218;
- (f) The manufacturing and installation of special event signage will be paid for by the City;
- (g) Parking Control Officers will be assigned to patrol the area during the Waterfall tourism season in Greensville in order to provide enforcement and public relations to motorists as required;
- (h) Staff, in consultation with the Ward Councillor and neighbouring residents, will evaluate the program after the pilot project period with recommendations for the fine tuning of the Special Event Parking Plan for future years;
- (2) That "Special Event Parking Permits" be issued to area residents in accordance with the guidelines outlined attached as Appendix "C" to Report PED19189;
- (3) That the amendment to the Parking By-law 01-218 attached as Appendix "D" to Report PED19189 which has been prepared in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, be approved;
- (4) That the Special Event Parking Program be implemented as a pilot project for an 18-month period to enable staff to evaluate the program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Hamilton has been promoted as "The Waterfall Capital of the World" and annual visitors to Webster Falls, Tew Falls, and the Dundas Peak have continued to increase significantly over the past five years. The increase in visitors to the waterfall

areas has continued to result in significant parking issues for residents living in the adjacent Greensville neighbourhoods.

Measures to combat illegal parking, gridlock on local streets, and visitors blocking residential driveways, have resulted in the installation of “No Parking” and “No Stopping” signs, extra staff and proactive by-law enforcement on weekends, and the implementation of a special event fine for illegal parking by visitors to Webster Falls, Tew Falls, and the Dundas Peak. The installation of “No Parking” and “No Stopping” signs have limited the ability of Greensville residents to utilize parking on their street for their vehicles or vehicles belonging to their guests.

The purpose of this Report is to request the implementation of a Special Event Parking Program for the Greensville area during the Waterfall tourism season, beginning on March 15 and ending on November 15 annually, and active on Saturdays, Sundays and Statutory Holidays. The Special Event Parking plan provides a viable means of regulating non-resident parking in the Greensville area and protects parking for local residents. This plan was endorsed by the Ward Councillor during the June 26, 2019 meeting of the multi-disciplinary working group, consisting of Planning and Economic Development staff, to address on-going issues during the Waterfall tourism season negatively impacting the residents of Greensville.

Alternatives for Consideration – Not Applicable

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: Costs associated with manufacturing, installing and maintaining the required special event permit parking signage and physical parking permits is expected to be a one-time cost of approximately \$5,000.

Staffing: N/A

Legal: N/A

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

In August 2016, the Hamilton Municipal Parking System (HMPS) installed “No Parking, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays, May to October” on the streets as outlined in Appendix “B” attached to this Report.

The purpose of the prohibitive parking signage was to assist in limiting illegal parking and blocking of residential driveways.

At the request of former Councillor Robert Pasuta, City Council directed a comprehensive review of problems associated with increased visitors to the Waterfalls

in April 2017. It was requested that measures be taken, such as additional “No Parking” signage and additional weekend By-law Enforcement, to combat traffic and parking issues for local residents, such as gridlock on local streets, visitors blocking roadways and blocking residents’ driveways.

City staff was also directed to form a multi-disciplinary working group to conduct a comprehensive, multi-faceted investigation of public safety and the negative impacts to the Greensville and Dundas neighbourhoods associated with the increase in visitors to Webster Falls, Tew Falls, and the Dundas Peak.

As actioned from the Waterfalls Motion Working Group, HMPS installed additional “No Parking” signage in June 2017 in the following Webster Falls and Tew Falls areas to prevent visitors from occupying residential streets and illegally blocking driveways:

- Brock Street North;
- Melville Street;
- Old Dundas Road;
- Ofield Road; and,
- Fallsvie Road.

On April 10, 2019, a motion went forward to City Council from the Ward 13 Councillor asking staff to create a “Special Enforcement Area” with a fine of \$250 for illegal parking on all streets in Greensville.

In July 2019, HMPS installed additional “No Parking” signs on Harvest Road, Ofield Road, Old Brock Road, and Cramer Road to further assist in prohibiting visitor vehicles from parking unsafely or illegally and causing traffic congestion in the Greensville area.

The increase in prohibitive signage in the last three years to assist in alleviating the negative impact of visitors to Webster Falls, Tew Falls, and the Dundas Peak, has left Greensville residents in the area of Appendix “B” attached to this Report without the ability to hold events at their residences, such as family parties or barbeques, due to the unavailability of on-street parking. The Ward Councillor has, therefore, recommended the implementation of a Special Events Parking Program to assist these residents.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

N/A

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

- Waterfalls Motion Working Group; and,
- Councillor Arlene VanderBeek, Ward 13.

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

Due to concerns raised by Greensville residents about the lack of available on-street parking on weekends and statutory holidays during peak Waterfalls visitation periods, and in consultation with the Ward 13 Councillor, Staff are recommending that a Special Event Parking Program be enacted for the residents who reside on streets as outlined in Appendix “A” attached to this Report which will allow them to request parking permits from HMPS for their visitors during occasions at their residences.

HMPS recommends the adoption of this plan as a pilot project for an 18-month period so that staff can continue to monitor and review the area for changing conditions based upon visitor volumes to the Waterfall areas in Greensville.

The plan, as outlined in the recommendation, includes the following key components:

- Utilizes permanent “Parking by Permit Only” signage which will reduce any annual signing costs in the designated area;
- Provides a maximum of ten parking permits per household, per request for guests;
- Provides residents with ten maximum opportunities to request parking permits per Waterfall tourism season; and,
- Allows the program to take effect only during Saturdays, Sundays and Statutory Holidays from March 15 to November 15 as deemed necessary by the Ward Councillor.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

Alternative considerations are to continue to prohibit all vehicles on streets as outlined in Appendix “B” attached to this Report. This, however, would not be acceptable to the area residents who are having difficulty with guest parking for family functions from March 15 to November 15.

ALIGNMENT TO THE 2016 – 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

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APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix "A" – Map Identifying the Special Fine Zone Area

Appendix "B" – Residential Streets Currently Identified to Take Part in Pilot Project

Appendix "C" – Special Event Parking Permit Qualification Guidelines

Appendix "D" – Amendments to Parking By-law 01-218

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