

CITY OF HAMILTON

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Parking and By-law Services Division

TO: Chair and Members Planning Committee	WARD(S) AFFECTED: Wards 9,12 and15
COMMITTEE DATE: May 15, 2012	
SUBJECT/REPORT NO: Review of Paid Parking in Stoney Creek, Waterdown and Ancaster (PED11104(b)) (Wards 9, 12 and 15)	
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RECOMMENDATIONS

- a) That no action be taken on any further review of commercial paid parking for the areas of Stoney Creek, Waterdown and Ancaster;
- b) That the annual revenue shortfall of \$676,000.00 resulting from the 2010 City Council direction that paid parking in Stoney Creek, Ancaster and Waterdown not apply to off-street carparks, and the 2012 direction to remove the on-street parking meters in Stoney Creek and Waterdown, be dealt with during the 2013 Budget process.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Report is in response to the May 12, 2010 City Council direction that staff review commercial paid parking for the areas of Stoney Creek, Waterdown and Ancaster after two years.

FINANCIAL / STAFFING / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS (for Recommendation(s) only)

Financial: There is a potential variance in the on-street parking budget of \$176,000.00 which Council, in approving the 2012 Budget on April 11, 2012, directed be funded “first from departmental surplus, then corporate surplus and then Tax Stabilization Reserve if required.”

Further, Council did not adjust the 2010 Budget with the May 12, 2010 decision to not install paid parking in the off-street carparks in Stoney Creek, Ancaster and Waterdown, creating an annual budget shortfall of approximately \$500,000.00 which, in accordance with Council’s direction was to be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve, and reviewed after two years.

Thus, the total budget shortfall related to paid parking in Stoney Creek, Ancaster and Waterdown is \$676,000.00 annually.

Staffing/Legal: N/A

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND (Chronology of events)

As part of the 2008 Budget process, staff was directed by the (former) Economic Development and Planning Committee to investigate and report on new/enhanced revenue sources. Staff recommended, among other things, increasing the parking meter rates across the City and installing paid parking on and off-street in all commercial areas. These matters were considered by Committee/Council during the 2008, 2009 and 2010 Budget processes.

On January 12, 2010, as part of the 2010 budget deliberations, City Council approved a recommendation of the (former) Committee of the Whole “*That paid parking be implemented in additional commercial areas of the City being Locke Street, Stoney Creek, Ancaster and Waterdown.*”

On May 12, 2010, after final approval of the 2010 Budget, City Council directed that paid parking in Stoney Creek, Ancaster and Waterdown not apply to the off-street carparks, and further:

“(g) That a review of commercial paid parking for the areas of Stoney Creek, Waterdown and Ancaster be completed with BIA and public consultation after two years,

(h) That any revenue shortfall be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve.”

On-street paid parking was installed on Locke Street and in Stoney Creek, Ancaster and Waterdown on or about July 1, 2010.

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On March 23, 2011, City Council received a petition from the Flamborough Citizens' Coalition requesting that the parking meters in Waterdown be removed and referred the matter to the Planning Committee for a report.

City Council on June 15, 2011, approved Planning Committee Report 11-011 which included the following;

- “(a) That no action be taken on the request to remove the parking meters from Downtown Waterdown;
- (b) That staff be directed to provide a financial update on commercial paid parking for the areas of Waterdown and Stoney Creek, as part of the 2012 budget process.”

Staff updated the General Issues Committee, through Report PED11104(a), on the financial performance of the paid parking information, and the General Issues Committee approved the following on February 24, 2012:

- “(a) That the on-street parking meters in Downtown Stoney Creek and Downtown Waterdown be removed and that staff be directed to prepare a by-law amendment to restore the previous on-street parking regulations; and,
- (b) That the revenue shortfall in the operating budget be dealt with during the 2012 budget process.”

The above resolution was approved by City Council, as part of the 2012 Budget approval on April 11, 2012, including the following, as recommended by the General Manager of Finance and Corporate Services:

“That the 2012 Planning budget not be adjusted for the loss in revenue from the elimination of parking meters in Stoney Creek and Flamborough of approx. \$176,000.00 and the potential variance be funded first from departmental surplus, then corporate surplus and then tax stabilization reserve if required.”

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

Finance was consulted in the preparation of this Report.

ANALYSIS / RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

(include Performance Measurement/Benchmarking Data, if applicable)

The two year review of paid parking in Stoney Creek and Waterdown is no longer necessary due the fact that paid parking was not implemented in the municipal carparks and in view of City Council's recent decision to remove the on-street parking meters in Stoney Creek and Waterdown. With respect to Ancaster, the BIA there recently advised that while there were limited concerns when paid parking was first implemented there seems to be acceptance at this time.

The only remaining issue to deal with are the on-going budget shortfalls related to the budgeted, but not recoverable revenues from on and off-street parking as outlined in the Financial Section of this Report.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

(include Financial, Staffing, Legal and Policy Implications and pros and cons for each alternative)

N/A

CORPORATE STRATEGIC PLAN (Linkage to Desired End Results)

Focus Areas: 1. Skilled, Innovative and Respectful Organization, 2. Financial Sustainability, 3. Intergovernmental Relationships, 4. Growing Our Economy, 5. Social Development, 6. Environmental Stewardship, 7. Healthy Community

GROWING OUR ECONOMY: Concerns were expressed that paid parking was detrimental to the local economy in areas where parking was previously "free".

APPENDICES / SCHEDULES

N/A

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