

**DATE:** November 13, 2023

**REPORT NO:** PD-55-2023

**SUBJECT:** **Information Report – Parking Enforcement for 2023/2024 – Winter Season**

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**OVERVIEW:**

- The Winter Parking enforcement season is upon us once again.
- This is always a challenging time when we try to balance the needs of residents for parking locations against the needs of the Township for street clearance and maintenance abilities.
- In 2021, staff wrote report PD-126-2021 which recommended for a number of reasons that enforcement of on street parking be focused on snow events/weather advisories.
- These terms were agreed to be interpreted as meaning “any accumulation of snow that sticks to a roadway”.
- Staff propose to enforce in this same manner for the 2023/2024 season. By-law staff will work closely with Public Works Staff to assist with the ticketing of vehicles left on the road during a snow event/weather advisory. Further, By-law staff will be proactive during these events.
- This report is written to inform Committee and Council of this approach and to not focus on the enforcement of overnight 2am-6am enforcement regardless of weather conditions.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That, Information Report PD-55-2023, regarding “Parking Enforcement for 2023/2024 – Winter Season”, dated November 13, 2023 be received.

**ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN:**

- **BUILD** a safe, connected, caring and active community.

**BACKGROUND:**

Parking enforcement has been an ongoing topic that has been a challenge to enforce in an acceptable manner each winter season. Many residents want the streets cleared of vehicles while others believe that they have a right to park on the street and/or have a need for on-street parking.

Gradually, By-law Staff have been determining that the main focus of parking enforcement in the winter months is best focused on keeping streets clear so that snow plows and salters etc., can travel the streets and perform their duties without restriction during snow events. On street parking enforcement is a “growing pain” that is experienced in most Ontario communities, but enhanced in communities without a transit system.

Numerous reports and numerous approaches to enforcement have been considered over the preceding years, all focused on ensuring that the street is usable and safe at all times by the travelling public while not allowing residential properties to become a sea of parking lots.

### **CURRENT SITUATION:**

The winter parking season is always a tough time where staff try to balance the needs of residents for parking locations against the needs of the Township for street clearance and maintenance.

In 2021, staff wrote report PD-126-2021 which recommended for a number of reasons that enforcement of on street parking be focused to snow events/weather advisories. These terms were agreed to be interpreted as meaning “any accumulation of snow that sticks to a roadway”.

Staff propose to enforce this in some measure for the 2023/2024 season. By-law staff will work closely with Public Works Staff to assist with the ticketing of cars left on the road during a snow event/weather advisory. Further, By-law staff will be proactive during these events.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Staff will adjust their hours to account for enforcement during snow events. Some additional overtime will be required from time to time by By-law Staff as they attempt to assist Public Works staff with street clearing efforts.

### **INTER-DEPARTMENTAL COMMENTS:**

By-law Staff have had discussions with Public Works Staff about this approach and have posted notices in local papers, Township website and Township electronic signs in front of Town Hall and the Community Centre to provide as much notice as possible to the public.

### **CONCLUSION:**

Staff propose to enforce on street parking during snow events/weather advisories, meaning during any event whereby snow accumulation upon the roadways is occurring. This report is written for the information of Committee and Council.

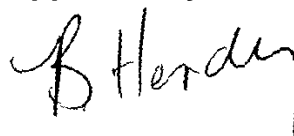
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