



STAFF REPORT

Department: Administration

Date: June 25, 2024

Item: Traffic and Parking Bylaw

Recommendation: As recommended by the Corporate Services Committee, Bylaws 3204/24 and 3205/24 be adopted respectively.

Background: Since 2007, the Traffic and Parking Bylaw has undergone a large number of amendments. This Bylaw, No. 2030/07, was developed at a time when the Espanola Police Service was still in place. Since 2018, the Town of Espanola has been served by the OPP as well as for bylaw enforcement purposes, Rainbow District Bylaw Enforcement Services. Most of the Traffic related provisions of Bylaw 2030/07 and amendments thereto, are now matters under the jurisdiction of the OPP, while matters pertaining to Parking are the jurisdiction of Bylaw Enforcement Services. As such, staff has been working not only to consolidate the many amendments to the original bylaw that have been made over the past 17 years, but also to separate these bylaws into two respective bylaws to properly reflect the different authorities who are responsible for enforcing them. In addition, there have been changes in certain areas of Town pertaining to school bus routes, road locations, pick-up and drop-off practices that require changes to be made to the Bylaws.

Analysis: At this time, the only substantive changes proposed, meaning changes that are not of a housekeeping nature, are: 1. Mead Boulevard between Spanish River Drive and Spruce Street and 2. the elimination of 2-hour parking only on Hayward Avenue to allow for overflow parking for the Municipal and Court Staff. Due to the relocation of the A.B. Ellis Public School to Mead Boulevard, added school bus traffic in this corridor, and parent drop-off and pick-up, this area has become congested and dangerous at school start and dismissal. As such, to reduce this congestion, staff is proposing that the northwest side of Mead Boulevard from Spanish River Drive to Spruce, with the exception of existing no-parking areas, become a 2-hour parking only area from 8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, so as to help keep the space free for temporary parking at start and dismissal. The Town has received numerous complaints from residents in this area about driveways being blocked as a result, but at the same time, has received feedback that some parking during the day should be permitted. It is staff's position that this change will best balance the need for parking for residents and parents while also helping



to reduce some congestion due to vehicles who typically park in this area for the entire day. These changes will be reflected in the new Parking Bylaw to be presented for Council approval at either the June 11th or June 25th Council meeting to allow staff to complete the full consolidation of the bylaw(s). At the same time, the separated and consolidated Traffic Bylaw will be presented without substantive changes. Both draft bylaws are attached with all consolidated items, housekeeping items and these newly proposed changes included. Further review is necessary to ensure all past amendments have been captured, but this is where we are at present.

Existing Policy: Bylaw No. 2030/07

Strategic Goal: Quality of Life

Financial Commitment: N/A

Budgeted: **Yes** **No**

Implementation: Upon Council Recommendation

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Approval of Recommendation: **Yes** **No**

Comments: