



CITY OF RICHMOND

REPORT TO COMMITTEE

TO: Public Works and Transportation Committee
FROM: Dave Semple
Acting Director of Operations
RE: **Street Sweeping Program**

TO PWAT - JUNE 6, 2001
DATE: May 15, 2001
FILE: 6455-04

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse a pilot program of installing permanent "Temporary No Parking" signs at an estimated cost of \$2,280 in the Azure Blvd area and report back with the result of the pilot program.

Dave Semple
Acting Director of Operations

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STAFF REPORT

ORIGIN

In an effort to be more effective in regard to Street Sweeping in high density traffic areas, staff have been attempting to deal with the issue of traffic parking on the streets during scheduled street sweeping days. This report deals with a possible solution to on-street parking concerns.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Prior to 1996 we were able to meet the general needs of our street sweeping program in high density areas without the need to have any parking restrictions in place. As the need for on-street parking increased it became increasingly difficult to keep these high density areas clean. As a direct result we introduced temporary parking restrictions. Initially we placed standard temporary "No Parking" signs without any explanation as to why we were restricting parking. History showed that they were ignored. In late 1997, we changed the signs to include: a specific day, time and reason for the restricted parking. Initially this was effective, but as time went by, with no means to enforce the no parking restrictions it became less effective. Gradually complaints increased. It was evident that members of the public thought we had not carried out our scheduled sweeping activities.

In the fall of 1999, in an effort to reinforce the effectiveness of the temporary "No Parking" signs, in co-operation with our by-law section we added "Strictly Enforced with Fines and/or Towing" to the signs. In addition, we hand delivered letters and posters to the various condominiums and apartments in the problem areas. We also placed an advertisement in the "Richmond News" announcing when we would be sweeping, as well as placing a reminder on our City of Richmond Web Page. While there was a definite improvement we have not been able to reduce the parking on these streets to zero. Our by-law section inform us that because the signage is non-permanent parking restrictions are not enforceable. In order to ensure compliance we would need to have permanent signs installed, giving us the ability to enforce the no parking restrictions. We believe installing permanent "Temporary No Parking" signs in high density areas would alleviate our major concerns.

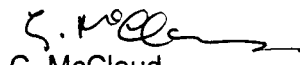
FINANCIAL IMPACT

There would be a cost of \$2280.00 for this pilot program. These funds would be taken from our existing street sweeping program. If we were to move into the next phase of the program and install permanent no parking signs in all the high density areas there would be an additional cost to the City of \$25,000.

CONCLUSION

We have taken progressive steps to ensure that our Street Sweeping Program is as effective as possible. However, we have some concerns with traffic parking on the streets during scheduled street sweeping days. Efforts to restrict parking by the use of temporary "No Parking" signage has proven less than 100% effective. Staff recommend the most effective solution would be that of installing permanent "No parking" signage in our high density areas.


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