



To: Public Works & Transportation
 From: Tony Hillan
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 Re: Street Sweeping

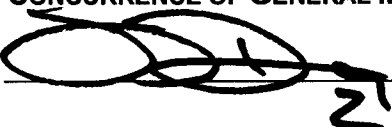
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Staff Recommendation

1. That Council endorse the installation of permanent "Temporary No Parking" signs at the following locations:

- Minoru 7000 block
- Moffatt 7000 block
- Bennett 7000 block
- Jones 7000 block
- General Currie 7000 block
- St. Albans 7000 block
- Arcadia 7000 block
- Ackroyd north side between Cooney and Arcadia

Eric Gilfillan
 Director of Operations

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Staff Report

Origin

A report was presented to Council in the spring of 2001 outlining concerns regarding staff being able to sweep high traffic areas effectively. The concerns centered on being able to manage parked cars when they had scheduled street sweeping days. Council endorsed a pilot program whereby permanent "Temporary No Parking Signs" signs were placed on Azure Blvd. Staff was instructed to study the effectiveness of the pilot program and report back with any recommendations to modify or expand the program.

Findings Of Fact

Prior to the spring of 2001 when Council endorsed the pilot program. Staff had difficulty in enforcing any no parking restrictions. The timing of the placement and removal was always in question. Members of the public would complain about their street being left upswept and ask that we return to clean the streets again.

In consultation with our by law department we attempted to have tickets issued to ensure that we be able to sweep the streets when planned. However because of the non-permanence of the signage tickets issued were viewed by the courts as invalid or at best suspect. Staff needed to ensure that they would be able to sweep the streets without parked cars being a problem. As a result we asked and received Councils endorsement for a pilot program to look at the effectiveness of permanent signage.

Following the installation of the permanent signage on Azure Blvd there has been a marked decrease in the number of cars parked when street sweeping is planned. In August of 2001 following the installation of the permanent signage there was a total of 39 tickets issued for illegal parking. None went to court. By March of 2002 only 1 ticket was issued. From direct input from staff and the reduction of complaints the pilot program has proved to be a success.

As a result staff are recommending that we expand the areas covered by the permanent "Temporary No Parking" signage. That we install similar signage to those installed on Azure Blvd in the following areas: Minoru 7000 block, Moffatt 7000 block, Bennett 7000 block, Jones 7000 block, General Currie 7000 block, St. Albans 7000 block, Arcadia 7000 block and, Ackroyd north side between Cooney and Arcadia.

Staff recommend that we phase in the installation of the signage over two years to ensure that we can gauge any input, positive or negative, from the public and report back if required to readjust our program.

Financial Impact

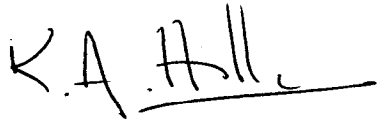
Staff estimates the cost of installation and manufacture of the signage would be \$28,000.

Presently \$ 10,000 is set-aside annually from our Street Sweeping Program to accommodate costs for temporary signage. This includes costs associated with manufacture, placement, repair and replacement of temporary no parking signs. Staff believe that over a 3-year period we would be able to reduce that annual outlay for temporary no parking signage by at least

\$7,000 annually once all the signs are installed. Funding will be accommodated from Public Works Minor Capital.

Conclusion

After analyzing the pilot program endorsed by Council In the spring of 2001 for "Temporary No Parking" signs on Azure Blvd. We are able to report that the program has proved a success. As a result staff is recommending that Council endorse the expansion of the program to include other high traffic areas. By so doing Council will be able to ensure that the concerns from both staff and the public are met. That continuing the expansion of this program will enhance the City of Richmond's drive towards being the most beautiful City in Canada.

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