

City of Mississauga Corporate Report



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To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Geoff Wright, P.Eng, MBA, Commissioner of
Transportation and Works

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Subject

On-Street Parking Time Limit Suspensions

Recommendation

That the Commissioner of Transportation & Works cease the suspension of on-street parking time limit enforcement effective July 6, 2020, as outlined in the report titled 'On-Street Parking Time Limit Suspensions' dated June 22, 2020 from the Commissioner of Transportation & Works.

Report Highlights

- In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, on-street parking time limit offences and overnight parking restrictions were suspended.
- Over the past three weeks, that has been a 50% decline in COVID-related complaints.
- There is staff capacity available to provide on-street enforcement services.
- Parking Enforcement has seen a 1.3 million revenue shortfall over the April/May timeframe.
- Resuming on-street time limit enforcement on July 6, 2020, will provide a sufficient period of time for public notification and staff preparation.

Background

On March 20, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, parking enforcement was suspended for the following offences:

- On-Street time limit offences; such as five (5) and fifteen (15) hour
- 2:00 – 6:00am restrictions

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All other parking offences continued to be enforced to maintain public safety. This included fire routes, accessible parking, no stopping, prohibited parking areas, as well as pay and display areas where payment is required.

Other jurisdictions including the City of Brampton, Hamilton, Oakville, Ottawa and Toronto also suspended enforcement of time-allowance offences.

Since April 9, 2020, approximately 80% of Parking Enforcement resources have been re-assigned to support the enforcement of the Emergency Orders issued under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA). These duties included proactive patrolling of City parks and non-City owned property. Over the past 3 weeks, COVID-19 related complaints have decreased by approximately 50% compared to when enforcement operations began in March 2020.

Comments

Jurisdictional Scan

Based on a recent jurisdictional scan conducted by staff, the City of Mississauga would be the first to resume complaint-based enforcement of all parking offences. Other municipalities indicated that the reinstatement of timed offences would be reconsidered once COVID-19 complaints have declined. The City of Ottawa has begun to lift some suspensions and will resume the enforcement of parking in excess of posted time limit areas effective June 29, 2020.

EMCPA Enforcement

As noted previously, there has been a 50% decline in COVID-related complaints since March 2020. EMCPA enforcement services provided by Parking Enforcement staff are no longer required at the same level and there is staff capacity available to provide on-street enforcement services.

Parking Complaints

Overall, parking complaints have decreased significantly since March, 2020. However, certain complaints types have begun to increase over the past 3 weeks. For example, there has been an increase in parking complaints about vehicles that have not been moved in weeks and may be considered abandoned. Parking enforcement is unable to address these complaints with the current suspension of on-street parking time limit offences. The reinstatement of parking enforcement for all parking violations, will provide a consistent application of enforcement, City-wide, especially in neighbourhoods with mixed residential and commercial areas.

Traffic Increases

Traffic volume data provided at Appendix A indicates that the resumption of pre-COVID-19 activity may be occurring. As more businesses begin to reopen, traffic volume is likely to continue to increase. Further, requests for enforcement are likely to increase in areas with posted signage in order to encourage the turnover of parking spaces for business customers.

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Parking Considerations and Permits

Residents may request up to **14 temporary parking permits in a calendar year per municipal address**. Each request can include up to five (5) vehicles and is valid for a maximum of five (5) days. Temporary parking permits provide each household with seventy (70) days of on-street parking.

Public Notification

It is recommended that enforcement of on-street parking time limit violations resume on July 6, 2020. This will provide a sufficient period of time for public notification and staff preparation. Public notification will occur through the same channels and frequency as the communication of the original enforcement suspensions.

Financial Impact

Annually, 75% of parking revenue is from City-issued penalty notices. From March 20 – June 19, 2020, year over year comparison, ticket issuance has declined 94%.

Compared to April/May 2019, parking enforcement has seen a \$1.3 million revenue shortfall during this same timeframe, which represent an average monthly revenue shortfall of \$650k.

The fiscal impact of ceasing the suspension of on-street time limit offences and overnight parking restrictions is unknown and will be dependent on resident behaviour and complaints.

Conclusion

Resuming on-street time limit enforcement on July 6, 2020, will provide sufficient period of time for public notification and staff preparation time.

Attachments

Appendix 1: Weekly Traffic Volumes by Location

Appendix 2: COVID-19 Enforcement Related Public Complaints



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