

City of Mississauga
Corporate Report



<p>Date: November 27, 2020</p> <p>To: Chair and Members of General Committee</p>	<p>Originator's files:</p>
<p>From: Geoff Wright, P.Eng, MBA, Commissioner of Transportation and Works</p>	<p>Meeting date: December 2, 2020</p>

Subject

On-Street Parking Time Limit Suspensions

Recommendation

That the Corporate Report dated November 27, 2020 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works titled *On-Street Parking Time Limit Suspensions* be received.

Report Highlights

- On November 25, staff were directed to review the suspension of on-street parking time limit offences during the Grey Lockdown level under the Province's Covid-19 framework.
- Toronto and Brampton are not considering any suspension of parking offences.
- Parking Enforcement has seen a \$4.4 million revenue shortfall to date, compared to 2019.
- The impact to winter snow operations and provision of a sufficient public notification period requires further consideration.

Background

On November 25, 2020, staff were directed by members of Council to review the suspension of on-street parking time limit offences (excluding overnight restrictions) given that the City of Mississauga was moved into the Grey Lockdown level under the Province's Covid-19 framework.

From March 20, 2020 to July 5, 2020, in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Commissioner of Transportation & Works authorized the suspension of parking enforcement for the following offences:

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

Time-allowance offences were also suspended in other jurisdictions (including the City of Brampton, Hamilton, Oakville, Ottawa and Toronto); however as Covid-19 complaints began to decline, all municipalities reinstated their enforcement of timed offences. The City of Mississauga resumed on-street enforcement on July 6, 2020.

Comments

Ticket Issuance & Service Requests

In 2020, Parking Enforcement has seen a \$4.4 million revenue shortfall compared to 2019. From March – July 2020, parking complaints decreased significantly and overall ticket issuance declined 94%.

Since on-street enforcement resumed on July 6, 2020:

- City-wide service request levels have rebounded to 2019 levels;
- Ticket issuance remains approximately 30% below 2019 figures;
- On-street (5-hour) service requests have declined 26% but related penalty notices have increased 40%.

Jurisdictional Scan

Based on a preliminary jurisdictional scan, staff confirmed that Toronto and Brampton have not made any adjustments to enforcement of parking offences due to the Lockdown. Concerns about interference with snow events and confusion among residents about changing regulations within a short-time period (e.g. 28 days) were cited.

Winter Snow Operations

Since the first Significant Weather Event on November 22, 2020, staff are aware of the collaboration required between parking enforcement and road & winter maintenance operations to facilitate snow removal and salting operations and meet Council-approved winter maintenance service level timelines.

The following table shows the average number of winter events during the last three years:

Time Period	Salting and Plowing Events (Three Year Annual Average)
November 16 - December 31	10
January 1 - April 15	40
Total	50

Any suspension of on-street parking time limit offences (excluding overnight restrictions) would restrict enforcement response times (including towing) of vehicles that have not been moved in weeks and may be considered abandoned, to overnight hours between 2:00 – 6:00am. The fiscal impact to snow operations is unknown and will be dependent on resident behaviour.

Note that complaints about vehicles that had not been moved in weeks and may be considered abandoned were increasing prior to the resumption of on-street parking enforcement on July 6, 2020.

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

Should Council wish to proceed with the suspension of on-street parking time limit offences (excluding overnight restrictions), a no-cost, digital public notification strategy will occur through the same channels and frequency as the communication of the original enforcement suspensions in March 2020.

Amendments to the Traffic By-law (555-00) and Administrative Penalty System By-law (282-13) would not be required as the Traffic Bylaw 555-00 authorizes the Commissioner of Transportation & Works (or his/her designate) to authorize, verbally or in writing, parking in excess of the period of time prescribed by this bylaw for parking on a highway. The Commissioner of Transportation & Works can approve recommendations from Council.

Financial Impact

The suspension of on-street time limit offences (excluding overnight restrictions) impact will be absorbed within the Enforcement Division's existing 2020 operating budget. The revenue loss will be approximately \$23,000 per month.

Conclusion

A review of the impact of suspending on-street parking time limit offences (excluding overnight restrictions) was conducted by staff as requested by members of Council for consideration during the Grey Lockdown level under the Province's COVID-19 framework.



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