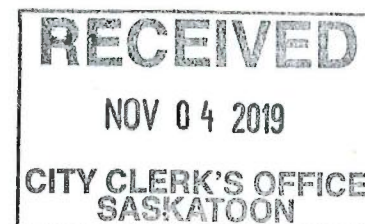


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STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2019 AT 2:00 PM  
7.1.9 OVERNIGHT PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS  
(FILES CK 6120-1, X1680-1)



GOOD MORNING COUNCILLORS:

PLEASE ACCEPT MY REGRETS FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO PRESENT IN PERSON, HOWEVER THE RBID WOULD WELCOME A RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONS BELOW AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING IN NOVEMBER TO SHARE WITH THE WIDER COMMUNITY SOME UNANSWERED QUESTIONS ARISING FROM THE REPORT.

#### ISSUE

**Overnight parking restrictions posted in Riversdale, Downtown and 33rd Street Business Improvement Districts have not been applicable, or enforced for street sweeping and snow clearing for a number of years.**

THE QUESTION REMAINS UNANSWERED: PARKING ENFORCEMENT IS ENFORCING METERED PARKING, PARKING IN FRONT OF A FIRE HYDRANT, TOO CLOSE TO CURBS AND MANY OTHERS. COULD WE PLEASE HAVE A RESPONSE AS TO WHY THIS PARTICULAR HAVE NOT BEEN ENFORCED FOR YEARS.

**Some of the parking restriction signage is currently in poor condition due to its age.**

GIVEN THE RECOMMENDATION THAT \$10,000 CAN BE FOUND WITHIN EXISTING BUDGETS TO REMOVE THE SIGNS; WE HAVE IDENTIFIED AND REQUESTED FADED AND DAMAGED SIGNS BE REPLACED WITH OUR ANNUAL MAINTENANCE WALK WITH URBAN DESIGN; THE SIGNS HAVE NOT BEEN REPLACED OR CHANGED. COULD WE PLEASE HAVE A RESPONSE WHY FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE TO REMOVE SIGNS AND NOT REPLACE SIGNS WHEN THE REPORT CONFIRMS THE SIGNAGE IS CURRENTLY IN POOR CONDITION.

#### CURRENT STATUS

**The parking restrictions have not been used for road maintenance, or enforced by ticketing or towing for a number of years.**

WHY IS THIS NOT BEING ENFORCED LIKE OTHER PARKING INFRACTIONS ARE?

**Street sweeping and snow removal are no longer scheduled only on the specific nights or times when the restrictions are in place. Street sweeping and snow clearing is undertaken as soon as resources allow rather than waiting until the parking restrictions are in place.**

BUSINESS OWNERS AND RBID STREET AMBASSADORS RELY ON PREDICTABLE SCHEDULES AND WILL WASH AND SWEEP DEBRIS FROM SIDEWALKS INTO THE STREET IN ADVANCE OF SCHEDULED CLEANING. SHORT NOTICE BY THE CITY ADVISING THAT SWEEPING OR SNOW REMOVAL WILL OCCUR TONIGHT OR TOMORROW NIGHT IS HIGHLY DISRUPTIVE TO THE SCHEDULING IN ORDER TO COMPLY AND BE LEFT WITH A CLEAN PUBLIC SPACE.

SCHEDULING STAFF TO TEND TO PUBLIC AREAS IN ADVANCE OF POSTED TIMES IS CURRENTLY WORKING. POSTING ON FACEBOOK OR SENDING EMAILS THAT CREWS ARE COMING TOMORROW NIGHT IS NOT ENOUGH NOTICE.

**To increase efficiency, the crews do street sweeping and snow removal on the streets and avenues on the same night, rather than on different nights.**

THE REASON THE STREETS AND AVENUES HAVE ALTERNATING DAYS IS THAT BUSINESS CUSTOMERS AND RESIDENTS HAVE THE CONVENIENCE OF LEAVING VEHICLES PARKED OVERNIGHT ON ONE STREET OR ONE AVENUE TO ALLOW EFFICIENCY WITH ROADWORK AND NOT HAVE MISSED AREAS TO GO AROUND PARKED CARS. THIS IS A REASONABLE SOLUTION FOR BOTH THE CITY CREWS AND BUSINESS AND RESIDENTS TO HAVE OPTIONS AND AVOID PARKING INFRACTIONS.

**Street sweeping and snow removal are completed at night when there is only a few parked vehicles. Crews work around the parked vehicles.**

COULD WE HAVE A RESPONSE AS TO HOW WE ADDRESS THE FILTHY STREET CONDITIONS THAT EXIST BY PASSING PARKED CARS WHEN THE DEBRIS WE NEED REMOVED IS UNDER THE PARKED CARS AND AGAINST THE CURBSIDE. OUR NIGHTTIME ECONOMY IS EXPECTED TO GROW AND ATTRACT MORE PEOPLE DRIVING TO OUR DESTINATION BASED BUSINESSES.

SEPTEMBER 4, 2019 AT 9:04PM STREET SWEEPERS WERE GOING PAST BLOCKS OF CARS DUE TO SEVERAL EVENTS LAUNCHING OR UNDERWAY THAT EVENING. (300 BLOCK AVENUE B SOUTH AT THE TIME).

THIS IS CLEARLY A FAILURE TO DELIVER TO THE DISTRICT THE RESULT OF WHAT IS BADLY NEEDED: CLEAN STREETS.

**Any areas not accessible due to parked vehicles are completed during the next monthly sweep or the next time it snows.**

WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED THE COST IS THE FACTOR FOR DELIVERING THE 'ONCE PER WEEK SWEEP' WE ORIGINALLY WERE RECEIVING. GIVEN THIS REASONING FOR DECREASING THE LEVEL OF SERVICE WE NEED IN OUR DISTRICT, COULD WE SEE THE CALCULATIONS OF HOW SAVINGS ARE REALIZED BY SENDING CREWS TO RETURN TO THE SAME AREA TO CLEAN WHERE THERE WERE PARKED CARS, TO STILL HAVE PARKED CARS IN THEIR WAY WHEN RETURNING. THE CITY NEEDS EFFICIENCY BY CLEANING STREETS AND AVENUES THE SAME NIGHT, BUT WILL RETURN TO THE DISTRICT WITH NO GUARANTEE THE AREAS WILL BE CLEAR OF PARKED CARS.

**Concerns have been raised regarding the inconvenience the restrictions cause as they are in place several times a week, while street sweeping only occurs once a month and snow clearing following a snowfall.**

THE RBID WOULD SUBMIT THAT AS MORE BUSINESSES ARE LOOKING TO ESTABLISH IN THE AREA, THE UPTAKE OF PROVIDING A CLEAN AREA FOR CUSTOMERS BY CLEANING SIDEWALKS AND CURBSIDES IN A COORDINATED MANNER IS INCREASING. MANY HAVE LIMITED STAFF YET STILL WANT THE IMMEDIATE AREAS NEAR BUSINESS CLEAR OF DEBRIS AND SNOW TO AVOID CUSTOMERS GETTING STUCK.

THE MOST COMMON CALL TO OUR OFFICE IS THAT SNOW REMOVAL OR SIDEWALK CLEANING DID NOT OCCUR ON THE DAYS THAT IT WAS SCHEDULED OR RECENTLY, WHEN SENT OUT BY THE CITY FOR A PARTICULAR NIGHT AND NOT HAVING THE JOB DONE. MANY CONCERNS ARE VOICED TO THE RBID ABOUT THE LACK OF PROPER REMOVAL, AND FAILURE TO RETURN TO CATCH THE MISSED PORTIONS. WAITING ONE MORE MONTH MEANS LEAVING THE DISTRICT FILTHY FOR THAT MUCH LONGER.

THE RBID OFFICE HAS CONSISTENTLY RECEIVED CALLS FROM BUSINESSES WHEN TEMPORARY NO PARKING SIGNS ARE PREVENTING CUSTOMERS FROM PARKING DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS IN FRONT OF THEIR BUSINESSES.

CITY COUNCIL MUST BEAR THE FOLLOWING IN MIND REGARDING THE RIVERSDALE BID AREAS WHEN SNOW CLEARING:

- 20TH STREET WEST IS ON A BUS ROUTE, HIGHLY UTILIZED BY FIRE TRUCKS FROM NO.1 FIRE HALL, AND A MAJOR ROUTE TO ST. PAUL'S HOSPITAL FOR THE AMBULANCE.
- WHERE MOST MAJOR ARTERIAL ROADWAYS ARE 90 FEET WIDE, 20TH STREET WEST IS ONLY 66 FEET WIDE AND NEEDS QUICK AND EFFICIENT WINDROWING AND LOADOUT OF SNOW.



- MANY BUSINESSES ALREADY AVOID PLACING MORE SNOW INTO THE PARKING LANE UNTIL CREWS REMOVE EXISTING SNOW, THEN SHOVEL SIDEWALKS INTO THE PARKING LANE TO AVOID PEOPLE GETTING STUCK.
- THE NORTH SIDE OF 20TH STREET WEST TYPICALLY HAS SNOW SETTLING DUE TO SHELTERED AREAS FROM PREVAILING NORTHWEST WINDS
- AVENUES A-D ARE THE PRIMARY COMMERCIAL AREAS WITH ROADS SOUTH OF 20TH THAT ARE STREETSCAPED AND NEED ATTENTION TO ALLOW FOR EASE OF PARKING AND CYCLING IN THE AREA.
- THE DESIRE AND WILL OF THE MAJORITY OF BUSINESSES TO CLEAN THE AREA IS STRONG, AND A PREDICTABLE SCHEDULE THAT IS ADHERED TO HAS DEMONSTRATED IN THE PAST TO WORK WELL.
- AS PART OF THE WINTER CITY STRATEGY, WE HAVE REPEATEDLY HEARD THAT THE ABILITY TO MOVE ABOUT WHETHER ABLE-BODIED AND ON FOOT, OR IN A SCOOTER OR WHEELCHAIR IS PARAMOUNT TO SUCCESS HERE.
- TEMPORARY NO PARKING SIGNS COST MONEY TO PUT OUT IN ADVANCE OF CREWS WORKING, AND BEING PICKED UP FOLLOWING CREWS COMPLETING THEIR WORK.

CITY COUNCIL MUST BEAR THE FOLLOWING IN MIND REGARDING THE RIVERSDALE BID AREAS WHEN STREET SWEEPING:

- THE RIVERSDALE BID WAS RECEIVING ONE SWEEP PER WEEK BEGINING TUESDAYS FROM 2AM TO 6AM. THIS ALLOWED MERCHANTS AND STAKEHOLDERS TO CLEAN THEIR PROPERTIES ON MONDAYS. IT WORKED WELL.
- CREWS HAD EXPRESSED FRUSTRATION NOT BEING ABLE TO COMPLETE THE MUCH NEEDED CURB TO CURB SWEEPING DUE TO PARKED CARS OVERNIGHT. IN 1992 THE RBID HAD ESTABLISHED THE REASONABLE IMPLEMENTATION OF RESTRICTIONS OVERNIGHT TO ALLOW CREWS TO PERFORM THEIR WORK PROPERLY AND THOROUGHLY.
- WE UNDERSTAND THE TEMPORARY OVERNIGHT PARKING RESTRICTIONS WERE IN PLACE WITH THE 1993 STREETSCAPING FROM AVENUE A TO AVENUE D, WITH RESTRICTIONS TO AVENUE H.
- AREAS MISSED BY NOT OBSERVING PARKING RESTRICTIONS ARE THEREFORE LEFT FOR YET ANOTHER MONTH AND THE DISTRICT REMAINS FILTHY FOR TWO MONTHS.
- IF A VEHICLE IS PARKED IN THE SAME SPOT NEXT MONTH, THE CREWS GO AROUND AND THE AREA IS FILTHY FOR THREE MONTHS.
- STREET SWEEPING WAS FROM AVENUE A TO AVENUE P ON 20TH STREET WEST, AND AVENUES A TO D FROM 22ND STREET WEST TO THE RIVER.
- ALTERNATING BETWEEN STREETS AND AVENUES ALLOWED THOSE LIVING ON 20TH STREET WEST OR ON THE AVENUES, A PLACE TO PARK WHILE ALLOWING CREWS TO CLEAN THIS DISTRICT PROPERLY.
- RAIN OR EQUIPMENT FAILURE MEANT THE CREWS COULD RETURN LATER THAT SAME WEEK AND COMPLETE THEIR WORK, UNINTERRUPTED, WITH BETTER WEATHER OR SERVICED EQUIPMENT
- THE RBID HAS SEVERAL AREAS WITH CHALLENGES IN MAINTENANCE ON A REGULAR BASIS THAT NEEDS MORE ATTENTION THAN CURRENTLY UNDERWAY. IT WAS BETTER BEFORE.
- THERE IS FAR MORE DEBRIS IN APRIL THAN IN JULY AND WITH MORE FREQUENT SWEEPS, CREWS CAN PERFORM WORK QUICKER AND HAVE LESS ROAD DEBRIS TO REMOVE AS THE SEASON MOVES ON.
- THE FALL SWEEP FOR LEAVES IS CRUCIAL FOR THE RELATIVELY FLAT DISTRICT WE HAVE, AND SINCE CREWS AND THE RBID STREET AMBASSADOR FOCUS ON CLEARING STORM CATCH BASINS, STORE FRONT FLOODING IS ALMOST NON-EXISTENT.
- WITH THE AREA FACING MORE CHALLENGES TO THE WEST OF 20TH STREET THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT WHILE THE DISTRICT IS MARGINALIZED, IT NEEDS MORE ATTENTION FROM THE CITY THAN CURRENTLY UNDERWAY.
- THE CITY CENTRE PLAN AND CALLS FOR MORE ANIMATION IN OUR CENTRE CITY BID AREAS MEANS MORE PEOPLE, MORE DEBRIS, AND MORE FREQUENCY. IT'S HARD TO ENJOY AN OUTDOOR PATIO WITH FILTH AROUND YOU.

THE RBID BOARD HAS DISCUSSED THE TOPIC MANY TIMES OVER MANY YEARS WITH THE RESULT BEING THE NEED FOR CLEAN STREETS, WHETHER SNOW IN WINTER OR DEBRIS IN SUMMER THE PRIORITY FOR THE DISTRICT. THE EXISTING PROTOCOLS IN PLACE WERE WORKING WELL. THE WEEKLY STREET SWEEP NEEDS TO BE REINSTATED TO ENSURE WE ARE PRESENTING OURSELVES THE BEST WAY POSSIBLE.

THE RBID WILL PROVIDE A MOTION FOR CITY COUNCIL'S NOVEMBER 2019 MEETING REGARDING OVERNIGHT PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN THE RBID.

ATTACHED PHOTOS SHOW THE COSTLY TEMPORARY NO PARKING SIGNS DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS; THE ABSENCE OF CARS AT 4:15AM; FADED NO PARKING SIGN.

THANK YOU,  
RANDY PSHEBYLO

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