

Parking in the Broadway Area – 1002 Broadway Avenue

ISSUE

The purpose of this report is to make a recommendation on the parking orientation and parking restrictions on the south side of 9th Street East in front of 1002 Broadway Avenue.

BACKGROUND

History

City Council, at its Regular Business Meeting held on November 17, 2008, considered Mr. Ken Achs, President, Mid-West Development (2000) Corporation's correspondence dated October 30, 2008. The correspondence was referred to the Administration for a report.

Mr. Achs had requested angle parking on the north side of 9th Street in front of 922 Broadway Avenue. The Administration informally permitted angle parking at this location without official pavement markings and signage in an attempt to evaluate the impact on traffic.

The Administration and Finance Committee, at its meeting held on March 28, 2013, considered the report "Communications to Council – Mid West Development (2000) Corp. (October 30, 2008) – Parking in the Broadway Area". The report recommended that the angle parking be removed due to concerns including:

- Narrowed width of the roadway making navigation difficult;
- Parked vehicles encroach further into the travel lane (i.e. long box trucks) resulting in westbound vehicle queue spillback onto Broadway Avenue; and
- Angle parking forces the centre line further south, offsetting at midblock.

City Council, at its Regular Business Meeting held on April 22, 2013, considered the report "Communications to Council – Mid West Development (2000) Corp. (October 30, 2008) – Parking in the Broadway Area", and resolved:

"That consideration of the matter be deferred until such a time that the parking and pedestrian study on 9th Street and Broadway Avenue is received and allow for further consultation and consideration of options."

The Standing Policy Committee on Transportation, at its meeting held on June 2, 2015, considered the report "Communications to Council – Mid West Development (2000) Corp. (October 30, 2008) – Parking in the Broadway Area", and resolved:

"That the matter be referred back to the Administration for further review and report."

The report highlighted that angle parking should not be permitted on the north side of 9th Street East in front of 922 Broadway Avenue as it was identified as a safety concern

by the public, and studies concluded that the street is technically not configured for angle parking.

The Standing Policy Committee on Transportation, at its meeting held on December 7, 2015, considered the report “Communications to Council – Mid West Development (2000) Corp. (Oct 30, 2008) – Parking in the Broadway Area, and resolved:

“That the report of the General Manager, Transportation & Utilities Department, dated December 14, 2015 be forwarded to City Council for information.”

The report discussed the parking options considered, the engagement efforts undertaken, and the stakeholder preference for relocating the angled parking to the south side of 9th Street East. The Administration presented a plan to relocate the angle parking to the south side of 9th Street East in front of 1002 Broadway and re-establish parallel parking adjacent to 922 Broadway Avenue on a temporary basis for one year to evaluate the effectiveness.

In May 2016, the angle parking was relocated to the south side of 9th Street East in front of 1002 Broadway Avenue. In August 2016, parallel parking stalls were painted on the north side of 9th Street East in front of 922 Broadway Avenue.

In summer 2017, a pedestrian signal was installed at the intersection of 9th Street East and Broadway Avenue.

Current Status

The angle parking has been maintained on the south side of 9th Street with free unlimited time parking.

The Administration has received multiple concerns and complaints regarding the angle parking since it was relocated to the south side of 9th Street East.

City of Saskatoon’s Current Approach

A site visit was conducted on November 29, 2019, which yielded the following safety issues and operational concerns:

- Restricted sight lines for drivers exiting the back lane and parking lot;
- Vehicle overhang blocks the sidewalk and restricts pedestrian movements;
- Narrowed width of the roadway is further reduced when larger vehicles park in the angle parking stalls; and
- The angle parking forces the roadway centerline further to north, creating a midblock offset.

Photos from the site visit and a resident of 1002 Broadway Avenue are included in Appendix 1.

Parking Study

A parking study was completed to verify whether a timed parking restriction would be warranted. The 500 block of 9th Street East is the only location in the Broadway Business Improvement District where the on-street parking adjacent to a commercial area does not have a timed restriction.

A parking review was conducted on February 19, 2020, and found that the on-street parking demand is less than the available parking, except during the lunch hour where both off-street and on-street parking were over-capacity, due to illegal parking (e.g. parking too close to adjacent driveways). The parking demand and supply is shown in Appendix 2 for the existing angle parking scenario.

Stakeholder Engagement

On February 12, 2020, a meeting with local stakeholders and residents was held to discuss the parking orientation on 9th Street East. Attendees included representatives from Ace Burger and the Luxe Condo Board; the Broadway BID and the Nutana Community Association were invited but sent regrets. Meeting minutes were provided to attendees plus those that sent regrets. The stakeholders expressed a number of concerns including:

- Vehicles frequently block the sidewalk when parked in the angle parking stalls;
- The angle parking stalls block sight lines at both entrances to the adjacent parking lot;
- The angle parking stalls cause egress issues from the Luxe condominium driveway to their underground parking; and
- Vehicles are frequently parking on the street for the entire day as there is no time limit for parking on the 500 block of 9th Street East.

All of the stakeholders in attendance indicated their support for re-establishing parallel parking on the 500 block of 9th Street East. The stakeholders requested that a timing restriction be implemented, but that the parking remain unpaid. Meeting minutes are included in Appendix 3. The Broadway BID emailed their response indicating that they do not oppose re-establishing parallel parking.

OPTIONS

Plans of the options are included in Appendix 4.

Option 1 - Do Nothing

- Maintain angle parking on the south side of 9th Street.
- Safety concerns and operational issues are not resolved.
- No capital cost.

Option 2 - Restore Parallel Parking, No Time Restriction

- Parallel parking on both sides of 9th Street.
- Removal of angle parking.
- Safety concerns and operational issues are resolved.

- Loss of three on-street parking stalls.
- Does not improve parking turnover.
- Capital cost estimated to be less than \$500.

Option 3 - Restore Parallel Parking, 3-Hour Time Restriction

- Parallel parking on both sides of 9th Street East.
- Removal of angle parking.
- Safety concerns and operational issues are resolved.
- Loss of three on-street parking stalls.
- Timed parking restrictions are consistent with other streets in the Broadway Business Improvement District.
- Improves parking turnover.
- Supported by several local stakeholders.
- Capital cost estimated to be less than \$500.

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration is recommending Option 3 to install a three-hour parallel parking zone on the 500 block of 9th Street East in front of 1002 Broadway Avenue.

RATIONALE

Restoring a parallel parking configuration on the south side of 9th Street East in front of 1002 Broadway Avenue would:

- Remedy the vehicle encroachments on the sidewalk thus improving pedestrian access and accessibility to the pedestrian activated signal at the intersection of 9th Street East and Broadway Avenue;
- Improve the operations of 9th Street East since vehicles will no longer encroach in the eastbound travel lane; and
- Improve egress from back lane and driveways by improving sight lines.

A timed parking restriction on 9th Street East would be consistent with other streets in the Broadway Business Improvement District and improve the availability of parking for residents visiting the adjacent businesses during peak times.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost of signage for reverting to parallel parking will be funded through Capital Project #2409 - Traffic Operations & Management. The estimated cost for all required signing changes is less than \$500.

ADDITIONAL IMPLICATIONS/CONSIDERATIONS

There are no legal, social, or environmental implications identified.

COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES

The required signage to implement a three-hour parallel parking zone on the east portion of the 500 block of 9th Street East up to the alley would be installed in the next few weeks.

Confirmation of City Council’s decision and implementation schedule will be emailed to the stakeholders.

APPENDICES

1. Site Visit Photos
2. Parking Supply and Demand
3. Meeting Minutes
4. Parallel Parking Solution

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