

# 2021 Residential Parking Program Expansion

## ISSUE

This report outlines proposed amendments to City of Saskatoon (City) Bylaw No. 7862 Residential Parking Program Bylaw, 1999 (Residential Parking Program Bylaw) in response to petitions received to expand Residential Parking Program (Parking Program) zones in the Varsity View, Nutana and City Park neighbourhoods.

## RECOMMENDATION

That the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation recommend to City Council:

1. That Residential Parking Program zones be expanded, as outlined in this report, using existing resources; and;
2. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the proposed amendments to Bylaw No. 7862, Residential Parking Program, 1999.

## BACKGROUND

Parking Program zones have been created to increase on-street parking opportunities for residents in areas with high on-street parking demand. Parking Program zones are enabled through the City's Residential Parking Program Bylaw. Eligible residents within a Parking Program zone can obtain a permit that allows them to park their vehicles near their home, beyond the posted time limit.

According to the Bylaw, Parking Program zones must:

- a) be in a predominantly residential area;
- b) have a shortage of on-street parking;
- c) be supported by no less than 70% of households on each block; and
- d) be in close proximity to a high parking generator

Creation or expansion of Parking Program zones is a community-led initiative, which includes the following process:

1. Residents request a Parking Program Zone or expansion of an existing Parking Program Zone by submitting a petition with 70% of households per block supporting the designation.
2. Administration verifies the results of the petition and conducts a parking review to confirm an on-street parking shortage in the area.
3. Administration submits a report to City Council seeking approval for the new or expanded Parking Program zone, through a proposed bylaw amendment.

## **DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS**

### Petitions to Expand Parking Program Zones

The City has received petitions seeking approval to expand existing Parking Program zones within the Varsity View, Nutana and City Park neighbourhoods for the following blocks:

City Park Parking Program Zone:

- 900 Block of 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue N.

Varsity View / Nutana Parking Program Zone:

- 800 Block of Colony Street;
- 700 Block of 13<sup>th</sup> Street East; and
- 300 Block of Hugh Avenue.

Administration completed a review of the petitioned areas and confirmed these predominantly residential blocks meet the required conditions to implement the expansion.

A summary of the Parking Program zone petitions is provided in Appendix 1. Maps indicating the location of the petitioned block areas are provided in Appendix 2.

Expanding the Parking Program zones to include these blocks would give residents priority to park near their homes, as well as provide them with daily patrols by parking enforcement to ensure vehicles are parked in compliance with the posted signage.

The petition review and zone expansion process was suspended for a period of time in 2020 and 2021 pending review of the Residential Parking Program Bylaw. In reinstating the review process, Administration notified residents on these blocks that petitions were being brought forward for consideration and provided them the opportunity to voice any questions or concerns about this process. No concerns have been identified.

Administration recommends the Parking Program zones be expanded to include the petitioned blocks shown in Appendix 2. Subject to City Council's approval, these Parking Program zones will become effective upon bylaw approval and installation of street signage indicating parking time restrictions for vehicles not displaying a Parking Program permit.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Revenue from increased permit sales in proposed expanded Parking Program zones is anticipated to be approximately \$1,000 per year. The anticipated increase has been incorporated in the 2022-2023 Preliminary Business Plan and Budget.

The cost to supply and install street signage to implement the expansion is estimated at a one-time cost of \$4,000. Implementation of the expanded Parking Program zones, including enforcement, will occur within existing financial resources.

## **COMMUNICATION PLAN**

Proposed Bylaw amendments for expansion of Parking Program zones were initiated through petitions from the community. Information regarding the potential expansion of the Parking Program zones was provided to the respective community associations.

Should the requested expansion areas be approved, notices will be sent to residents of these blocks, providing a brief overview of the Parking Program, its pending implementation in the blocks specified, and the procedures required to purchase a permit.

Street signs placed on each block notify drivers of the parking restrictions. In addition, Enforcement Officers will make use of warning tickets, which carry no fines, in the initial implementation phase to ensure drivers parked in contravention are aware of the new restrictions.

Updates will also be made to the Parking Program webpage on the City website.

## **OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

There are no other policy, environmental, privacy, or CPTED implications or considerations.

## **NEXT STEPS**

Should City Council approve the proposed recommendations, the City Solicitor's Office will draft the necessary bylaw amendment which will be tabled at a future City Council agenda, anticipated in the first quarter of 2022.

## **APPENDICES**

1. RPP Zone Petition Summary
2. RPP Zone Expansion Map

## **REPORT APPROVAL**

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