

2022 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 to expand Residential Parking Program (Parking Program) zones in the Varsity View and Nutana 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, the City shall conduct a review to determine whether designation of a Parking Program zone is appropriate, by considering the following factors:

- a) whether the area is in a predominantly residential area;
- b) whether the area has a shortage of on-street parking;
- c) whether the area is supported by no less than 70% of households on each block; and
- d) whether the area is 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.

Changes to the Bylaw have granted any member of the public the ability to submit a petition that shows resident support to create or expand an existing Parking Program Zone.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

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

- 200 Block of Cumberland Avenue;
- 300 Block of Cumberland Avenue;
- 300 Block of McKinnon Avenue (east side);
- 1000 Block of 14th Street East;
- 1100 Block of 14th Street East;
- 1200 Block of 14th Street East;
- 1300 Block of 14th Street East;
- 1400 Block of 14th Street East;
- 1200 Block of 13th Street East;
- 800 Block of University Drive (west side); and
- 800 Block of Temperance Street (west side).

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 (see Appendix 1). A map indicating the location of the petitioned block areas is provided (see 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 posted signage.

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 street signage, indicating parking time restrictions for vehicles not displaying a Parking Program permit, will be installed.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Revenue from increased permit sales in the proposed expanded Parking Program zones is anticipated to be approximately \$3,000 per year. This projection is based on historical permit sales in the Varsity View Parking Program zone in 2018, 2019 and 2021. The 2020 sale data was not considered due to COVID-19. Parking Program revenues in the 2022/2023 Multi-Year Budget accounted for increased revenue resulting from expanded Parking Program areas.

The cost to supply and install street signage to implement the expansion is estimated at a one-time cost of \$14,000. Implementation costs for the expanded Parking Program zones, including enforcement, will occur, over time, within existing financial resources.

COMMUNICATION PLAN

Proposed requests 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 Nutana and Varsity View Community Associations. Support for the proposed expansion was received from the Varsity View Community Association. As of the writing of this report, no response was received from the Nutana Community Association.

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. Notification messaging will also be provided to the respective Community Associations.

Street signs placed on each block will notify drivers of the parking restrictions. In addition, during the initial implementation phase, Enforcement Officers will make use of warning tickets, which carry no fines, 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 of Saskatoon website.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

There is no other policy, environmental, private, 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 to be tabled at the October City Council meeting.

APPENDICES

1. Residential Parking Program Zone Petition Summary
2. Residential Parking Program Zone Expansion Map

REPORT APPROVAL

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