Minute No. 586
Report – Executive Policy Committee – October 20, 2020

Item No. 6 Temporary Parking Measures

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee, as amended, and adopted the following:

1. That one-hour complimentary parking at all on-street metered locations throughout Winnipeg be continued until December 31, 2020 and that this be available without the need to pay for parking but that this should not be combined with the existing two hours of complimentary parking on Saturdays in the Downtown area.

2. That the Winnipeg Parking Authority be directed not to enforce parking time restrictions on residential streets, until December 31, 2020 but to continue to enforce all other parking restrictions (such as obstructing fire hydrants, parking too close to intersections, etc.), with the exception of streets around Deer Lodge Centre where there are ongoing parking availability issues. A map of the streets around Deer Lodge Centre where enforcement will continue is provided as Appendix A, which includes the following streets:

    - Moorgate Street (between Portage Avenue and Bruce Avenue)
    - Sharp Boulevard (between Portage Avenue and Bruce Avenue)
    - Duffield Street (between Portage Avenue and Bruce Avenue)
    - Guildford Street (between Lodge Avenue and Bruce Avenue)
    - Woodlawn Street (between Lodge Avenue and Bruce Avenue)
    - Belvidere Street (between Lodge Avenue and Bruce Avenue)
    - Portage Avenue (between Conway Street and Belvidere Street)
    - Lodge Avenue (between Conways Street and Sharp Boulevard)

3. That the Public Service be directed to continue to work with the Downtown and Exchange District Business Improvement Zones in order to implement loading zones in locations which will benefit local businesses during the COVID pandemic.

4. That the Proper Officers of the City do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Bowman,
That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted.

In amendment,
Moved by Councillor Gillingham,
Seconded Councillor Eadie,

WHEREAS Parking on residential streets around Deer Lodge Centre is subject to time restrictions,

AND WHEREAS the two hour time limit provides regular turnover of on-street parking spots, which is important for customers going to area businesses and for people attending appointments and day programs at Deer Lodge Centre;

AND WHEREAS Council decided early in 2020 to not enforce parking time restrictions on residential streets to assist with COVID-19 relief;

AND WHEREAS not enforcing on-street parking time restrictions has resulted in Deer Lodge Centre staff and others parking on the street all day long;

AND WHEREAS customers from local area businesses, seniors attending day programs at Deer Lodge Centre, family members visiting patients at the Centre and patients of the Occupational Stress Injury Clinic, including Canadian Forces veterans and RCMP veterans, have difficulty finding on-street parking and have to park several blocks away;

AND WHEREAS area business owners, the St. James Assiniboia 55Plus Centre and the Occupational Stress Injury Clinic have asked that parking problems around the Centre be addressed for the sake of their clients and patients;

AND WHEREAS the Winnipeg Parking Authority has indicated that it is possible to reinstate time limited parking enforcement on the streets around Deer Lodge Centre to address the problem,

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Recommendation 2 of Item 6 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee be amended to read as follows:

2. That the Winnipeg Parking Authority be directed not to enforce parking time restrictions on residential streets, until December 31, 2020 but to continue to enforce all other parking restrictions (such as obstructing fire hydrants, parking too close to intersections, etc.), with the exception of streets around Deer Lodge Centre where there are ongoing parking availability issues. A map of the streets around Deer Lodge Centre where enforcement will continue is provided as Appendix A, which includes the following streets:

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(See Attachment for Appendix A to Motion Moved by Councillor Gillingham and Seconded by Councillor Eadie)

The motion for the adoption of the amendment was put and declared carried.

The motion for the adoption of the item, as amended, was put and declared carried.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 20, 2020, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2020, in recognition of the fact that the COVID-19 pandemic was negatively impacting many businesses, especially in Winnipeg's Downtown and Exchange District, and that many residents of Winnipeg were working remotely from home in order to restrict the spread of the COVID-19 virus within their workplaces, the Chief Administrative Officer took the following actions with respect to on-street parking to assist businesses and to accommodate residents who were working from home rather than from their places of work:

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

- Offering one-hour complimentary parking at all on-street metered locations throughout Winnipeg;
- Relaxing enforcement of time limits on residential streets;
- Allowing motorists to treat areas in front of some businesses as 15 minute loading zones in various locations throughout the Downtown and the Exchange District;

AND WHEREAS the COVID-19 has continued to negatively impact businesses, especially in Winnipeg's Downtown and Exchange District, and is expected to continue to do so for the foreseeable future;

AND WHEREAS many residents of Winnipeg continue to work remotely from home and are expected to continue to do so for the foreseeable future;

AND WHEREAS the measures instituted by the Chief Administrative Officer should be put in place on a longer-term basis;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Policy Committee recommend to Council:

1. That one-hour complimentary parking at all on-street metered locations throughout Winnipeg be continued until December 31, 2020 and that this be available without the need to pay for parking but that this should not be combined with the existing two hours of complimentary parking on Saturdays in the Downtown area.

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