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Staff Report PW2023-008

Title of Report: PW2023-008 Young Street and Hagan Street Parking Recommendations
Department: Public Works
Branch: Transportation & Public Safety
Council Date: April 5, 2023

Recommendation:

Be it resolved that Council receive Staff Report PW2023-008 for information; and
That Council direct staff on which options to proceed with and the necessary processes involved, that staff may report back to Council for consideration.

Background:

This report was brought to the March 15, 2023, Council Meeting, and was missing Attachment #1, Ontario School Streets Pilot Summary Report, after some discussion, this report was deferred to the next meeting to include the attachment for the April 5, 2023 Council Meeting, as per the following resolution:

Moved By Councillor Shipston

Seconded By Councillor John

Be it resolved that Council receive Staff Report PW2023- 008 for information; and
That Council direct staff on which options to proceed with and the necessary processes involved, that staff may report back to Council for consideration.

Deputy Mayor Dobreen moved the following motion.
No. 2023-118

Moved By Deputy Mayor Dobreen

Seconded By Councillor Rice

Be it resolved that Council defer staff report PW2023- 008 Young Street and Hagan Street Parking Recommendations to the April 5, 2023, regular Council meeting. **Carried**

Parking and public safety issues have been an ongoing concern for the Proton Community School and Highpoint Elementary School and with the increase of student enrollment at both schools, has amplified the concerns.

The Proton Community School has had parking issues with congestion of vacated vehicles dotted on private property, No Parking zones and the school bus lane/parking lot issues during drop off and pick up times for some time now. Staff have received numerous resident concerns over public safety and emergency response access at the end of Young Street and Hagan Street West in particular.

Southgate By-law Enforcement has stepped up presence educating, conducting warnings and issuing parking violation tickets in the area of the Proton Community School. Currently parking is tightly constricted in the vicinity of the school.

At the September 7, 2016, Council Meeting, Council received Staff Report PW2016-090 Parking By-law with the inclusion of the following:

The new Parking By-law incorporates the prohibited parking on both sides of Young Street in Dundalk, south of Victoria Street to the most southerly limit to support the newly painted defined bicycle lanes on both sides of the street to and from the Proton Community School. The following resolution was passed:

Moved by Councillor Woodbury

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Jack

Be it resolved that Council receive staff report PW2016-090 as information relating to By-law 48-2016; and

That Council consider passing By-law 48-2016. **Carried.** No. 694-16

Hagan Street west was posted a long time ago with, "No parking is permitted on Hagan Street except for Monday to Friday 8:00am to 9:00am and 3:00pm to 4:00pm."

Parking issues and public safety concerns have also been discussed regarding the Highpoint Elementary School as well with a more recent school crossing installed with School Crossing guard on Main Street West.

The Bluewater School Board has indicated they will not be budgeting funds to expand/recreate onsite school parking and drop off. It has been discussed if a Kiss & Go could be implemented in the Proton school parking lot.

Staff Comments:

Southgate staff have met a few times now with Bluewater School Board representatives, and school principals previously, and more recently the Parent Liaison head spokesperson has become involved.

Comments regarding the Proton School from Southgate departments involved are:

Dundalk Fire:

1. Establish a Fire Route By-law, designating the route with signage.
2. During the hours of 8-9 and 3-4 Monday to Friday the fire department would respond to Hagan St and the school via Rowes Lane for direct quick access. As the major complaint seems to be the fire department getting to the location or EMS. With the street being one way as well in an emergency we could travel the opposite way if needed to get to the apartments in the case that Rowes Lane is blocked.

The following resolution was passed at the March 15, 2023 Council Meeting:

9.4.1 FIRE2023-003-Designation and Regulation of Fire Routes

No. 2023-119

Moved By Deputy Mayor Dobreen

Seconded By Councillor John

Be it resolved that Council receive Staff Report FIRE2023-003 for information; and

That Council consider approval of By-law number 2023- 027.

Carried

9.4.2 By-law 2023-027 - Designate and Regulate Fire Routes

No. 2023-120

Moved By Councillor Rice

Seconded By Councillor Shipston

Be it resolved that by-law number 2023-027 being a bylaw to designate and regulate fire routes within the Township of Southgate be read a first, second and third time, finally passed, signed by the Mayor and the Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and entered into the by-law book.

Carried

Public Works:

1. Remove the Bike Lanes on Young Street, as cyclists are required to follow traffic flow in the proper travel lane direction, allowing on street parking to be re-established on Young Street, rescinding the current Parking By-law for this area, and any parking adjustments in a new updated by-law. Propose no parking on east side of Young Street. (Attachment #1)
Mapping scheme:

Yellow = No parking which would be the north side of Hagan St, East side of Young St and would also be the south side of Hagan St. between the school driveway and Young St. (island)

Green = Parking permitted or between the hours of 8-9 am and 3-4pm, west side of Young St. as this is the curb side and the South Side of Hagan St.

Red= Fire route which would be the lane closest to the curb in the school parking lot and all of Young St south of Hagan St.

2. Hagan Street East to become a One-Way Street travelling west from the Rail Trail to Young Street, by By-law.
3. Recommendation that the school have a crossing guard at Young and Hagan, install crosswalk, hire a crossing guard.
4. Staff have investigated the purchase and installation of LED parking signage as to amplify the messaging to the forefront drivers. Signs are approximately \$3,500.00 per sign. (Attachment #3)

5. Implement a School Street, which is a concept that creates a car-free environment in front of schools at the start and/or the end of the school day to address public safety, prioritize safe walking conditions. An 880 cities pilot program could be implemented for the spring of 2023. (Attachment #2)
6. Temporary closure of Young Street at Victoria Street, during school days, permitting only buses to travel from the restricted time during the hours of 8-9 am and 3-4pm Monday to Friday. Local traffic would have to have access.
7. Future looping of Hagan Street west to Gold Street, will improve some traffic flow, dependant on development timing at the end of Gold Street for construction.

By-Law Enforcement:

1. Increase presence of By-law Enforcement Officers
2. Increase fine amounts

Financial Implications:

Financial implications would be addressed with the preferred options to be finalized, with the next report.

Communications & Community Action Plan Impact:

Goal 5 - Upgrading our "Hard Services"

Action 5:

The residents and businesses of Southgate recognize our linear services - roads, bridges, water and sewer works, for example - to be a fundamental purpose of municipal government. This infrastructure needs to be serviceable and sustainable so that our businesses and communities can thrive and grow.

Concluding Comments:

Staff recommends that Council receive Staff Report PW2023-008 for information, and that Council direct staff on which options to proceed with and the necessary processes involved, that staff may report back to Council for consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dept. Head: *Original Signed By*
Jim Ellis, Public Works Manager

Fire Chief Approval: *Original Signed By*
Derek Malynyk, Fire Chief

Chief Building Official Approval: ***Original Signed By***
Bev Fisher, CBO

CAO Approval: ***Original Signed By***
Dina Lundy, CAO

Attachments:

Attachment #1 – Young & Hagan Streets mapping concept

Attachment #2 - Ontario School Streets Pilot Summary Report

Attachment #3 – LED signage example