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TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING ON NOVEMBER 16TH, 2009
FROM:	PAT McNALLY, P. ENG. GENERAL MANAGER OF ENVIRONMENTAL & ENGINEERING SERVICES & CITY ENGINEER
SUBJECT	2009 OVERNIGHT PARKING PILOT PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION

That on the recommendation of the General Manager of Environmental & Engineering Services & City Engineer:

- a) This report **BE REFERRED** to the 2010 Operating Budget process; noting that an annual revenue shortfall of \$210,000 is anticipated; and
- b) The attached proposed by-law (Appendix "A") for the purpose of amending the Traffic and Parking By-law (P.S. 111) to exempt vehicles from the 3am to 5am parking restriction from the Victoria Day weekend to Labour Day throughout the City of London **BE CONSIDERED** by Municipal Council during its approval of the 2010 Operating Budget.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER

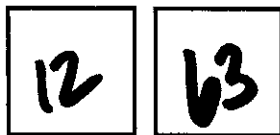
For additional information, please refer to the following committee reports:

- 1. October 29th, 2001: Environment and Transportation Committee "Overnight Parking Restrictions";
- 2. January 28th, 2002: Environment and Transportation Committee "Overnight Parking Restrictions";
- 3. July 17th, 2006: Environment and Transportation Committee "Overnight Parking Restrictions for July and August";
- 4. April 2nd, 2007: Environment and Transportation Committee "Overnight Parking Restrictions";
- 5. January 14th, 2008: Environment and Transportation Committee "Overnight On-street Parking Pilot".
- 6. November 26th, 2007, Environment and Transportation Committee "Parking Strategy Business Plan – 2008"; and
- 7. September 25th, 2008: Service Level Review Committee "Parking Business Plan".

BACKGROUND

PURPOSE:

On June 15th, 2009 Municipal Council amended the Traffic & Parking By-law by exempting non-recreational vehicles from the 3:00 am to 5:00 am parking restriction from June 16th to September 7th, 2009. Municipal Council also requested the following as part of the pilot program:



1. Staff to report back in the Fall of 2009 with respect to the outcome of the pilot project; and
2. Staff to review the possibility of issuing overnight parking passes and to report back at a future meeting of the Environment and Transportation Committee.

DISCUSSION:

On June 16th, 2009 most news outlets reported that the overnight parking restriction was relaxed by Council. In order to help ensure London's residents were aware of the relaxation of the overnight parking restrictions, a media release was sent to all of the local media outlets and posted on the City's web site. A follow-up news release was issued September 8th reminding residents that the pilot program was finished and that the 3:00 am to 5:00 am parking restriction was in place.

During the summer the Parking office monitored the number of calls regarding the pilot program and enforcement officers monitored various parts of the City with respect to the volume of vehicles parking overnight.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

At the beginning of the pilot program the Parking office received several complaints that the overnight restriction should not have been lifted. Several callers commented that they felt more secure when the streets are clear. The remainder of the calls appeared to be related to neighbourhood disputes. Throughout the summer there were a few calls with respect to vehicles that were being left on the road for extended periods of time. One person wrote "*that permitting indiscriminate overnight parking resulted in congestion of our suburban street and dangerous driving conditions.*" The number of positive comments outweighed the negative with respect to the pilot program. Many callers liked that they now had more parking options for guests. However, there were other callers who said they used the on-street parking because it was more convenient than their driveway.

The relaxation of the parking restriction applied to "non-recreational vehicles" only which is defined as "*an automobile or motorcycle but does not include commercial motor vehicle, mobile home or trailer.*" This restriction was put in place to control vehicles that are prohibited from residential driveways. During the pilot period there were 160 3:00 am to 5:00 am parking tickets issued to commercial motor vehicles, mobile homes and/or trailers. This generated some complaints from vehicle owners who weren't aware of the restriction.

The conclusion of the pilot program generated more calls than during the relaxation of the parking restrictions. These calls were evenly split between people who wanted enforcement officers on their street and from people who received an overnight parking ticket. Supporters of enforcement wanted the restriction aggressively enforced while those that received a ticket thought the relaxation of the parking restriction lasted past Labour Day.

ON-STREET MONITORING

The enforcement officers noticed more vehicles on the street during this summer compared to prior years. Overnight parking on streets in the Downtown and Richmond Row areas were heavily used from Thursday to Saturday. The officers also noted more broken glass on the roads this past summer which may be related to vehicle break-ins.

OVERNIGHT PARKING PERMIT

Implementing a permit system for overnight parking would be costly and would not likely address the immediate problem for most drivers. A permit system may be beneficial for pre-planned events, such as planned overnight guests, but it would not address the needs of drivers who decide that evening that they are going to leave their vehicle on the street. Communicating these requests to the enforcement officer outside of normal business hours would be cumbersome and costly.

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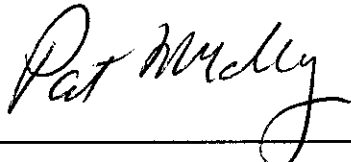
OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

The 2009 Operating Budget was developed and approved prior to the decision to relax the overnight parking restriction. The change in the overnight parking restriction this year resulted in \$140,000 in fewer tickets being issued. This equates to a 6% shortfall in the net Parking budget. It should be noted that the enforcement costs were not reduced because the officers are still needed to address other issues.

SUMMARY:

Based on the calls received by the Parking office it is evident that most Londoners supported the relaxation of the overnight parking restrictions this past summer and most people would like the overnight parking extended. Concern has been expressed in the past that the overnight parking restrictions should only be relaxed during the typical vacation period. Taking into consideration the comments received from the public and staff observations the following is recommended with respect to the overnight parking during the summer:

1. Amend the Traffic and Parking By-law to allow overnight parking for all vehicles from the Victoria Day weekend until Labour Day unless posted otherwise;
2. Remove the commercial motor vehicle, mobile home and trailer restriction; noting that there are other provisions in the by-law; such as the 12-hour parking limit, that will address most concerns related to these vehicles;
3. Should specific streets not wish to have overnight parking, provide residents with a process to change the overnight parking restrictions on their street, similar to the existing parking change process;
4. Revise the City's entrance signs and parking meters to reflect the revised by-law, at an estimated cost of \$15,000; and
5. Table this initiative as a "Service Growth" item during the Draft 2010 Operational Budget deliberations of Council, noting the estimated parking revenue shortfall of \$210,000 in the Environmental & Engineering Services Department budget. This is equivalent to a 8.5% decrease in the net Parking revenue which results in an increased burden on the tax base.

PREPARED BY:	RECOMMENDED BY:
	
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November 4th, 2009

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Attach: Appendix "A": By-law to amend the Traffic & Parking by-law (p.s. 111) with respect to changes to the overnight parking restriction.

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APPENDIX "A"
BY-LAW TO AMEND THE TRAFFIC & PARKING BY-LAW (P.S. 111) WITH RESECT TO
CHANGES TO THE OVERNIGHT PARKING RESTRICTION

Bill No.
2009

By-law No. PS-111

A by-law to amend By-law PS-111 entitled, "A by-law to regulate traffic and the parking of motor vehicles in the City of London."

WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of London wishes to amend the Traffic & Parking By-law (P.S. 111);

AND WHEREAS section 5(3) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, provides that a municipal power shall be exercised by by-law;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London enacts as follows:

1. **No parking in unposted locations**

Section 9 (3) is **deleted** and **replaced** with the following:

(3) Subsection 9(1) k) of this by-law does not apply between the Saturday immediately prior to Victoria Day and Labour Day.

2. This by-law comes into force and effect on the day it is passed.

PASSED in Open Council on _____, 20__.

Anne Marie DeCicco-Best
Mayor

Catharine Saunders
City Clerk

First Reading – _____, 20
Second Reading – _____, 20
Third Reading - _____, 20