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| TO:     | CHAIR AND MEMBERS<br>CIVIC WORKS COMMITTEE<br>MEETING ON OCTOBER 28, 2013 |
| FROM:   | EDWARD SOLDO, P. ENG.<br>DIRECTOR, ROADS & TRANSPORTATION                 |
| SUBJECT | WELLINGTON STREET PARKING METERS  |

RECOMMENDATION

That on the recommendation of the Director, Roads & Transportation, **NO ACTION** be taken with respect to changing the parking regulations on Wellington Street between Grosvenor Street and Cheapside Street.

BACKGROUND

At its June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 meeting the Civic Works Committee received a communication from Councillor S. Orser requesting that the parking meter time limit on Wellington Street adjacent to St. Joseph’s Hospital be increased from 2 hours to 6 hours. The following report outlines the pros and cons of this request and longer term parking alternatives.

DISCUSSION

On-street parking on Wellington Street between Grosvenor Street and Cheapside Street is controlled by individual parking meters with a 2 hour maximum time limit. The hourly rate for this parking is \$1.50 and it is intended for short-term visits.

Determining the length of time vehicles should occupy an on-street parking stall is a balance between allowing enough time for short-term visitors, providing turn-over of parking stalls that are often in short supply and discouraging all-day parking. There is a direct relationship between the length of allowable parking and the availability of parking for new visitors.



The Parking office frequently receives complaints from drivers who cannot find any vacant on-street parking stalls and observations have been made that customers feed the meter to extend the length of time they may park. Customers who feed the meter are a combination of visitors to the hospital who are staying longer than initially anticipated and staff who chose to park on Wellington Street rather than using off-street parking garages. Discussion with hospital staff has confirmed that some staff use the on-street parking due to their working hours and schedule.

The parking garage on Grosvenor Street is the appropriate place for staff and visitors that require longer parking times. Allowing customers to park at on-street meters longer than the current 2 hour limit will decrease the availability of parking for new visitors and facilitate staff using the on-street parking while they are at work.

CONCLUSIONS

Extending the allowable parking time on Wellington Street from 2 hours to 6 hours would be detrimental to hospital visitors who only need short-term parking in order to attend appointments. The existing parking garage on Grosvenor Street is appropriate for longer term parking and the on-street parking should be structured to encourage the use of the parking garage for this purpose. It should be noted that the entrance to the Urgent Care is located on Grosvenor Street opposite the parking garage.

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