



# MEMO

**To:** Mayor Matt Brown  
Councillors, Michael Van Holst, Bill Armstrong,  
Mohamed Salih, Jesse Helmer, Maureen Cassidy,  
Phil Squire, Josh Morgan, Paul Hubert, Anna  
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**From:** John Braam, P. Eng.  
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Managing Director, Development and Compliance  
Services and Chief Building Official

**Date:** August 25, 2015

**Re: Permitted Overnight Parking Timeframe,  
August 24, 2015 Civic Works Committee, #9**

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At its meeting on August 24<sup>th</sup> 2015, Civic Works Committee requested that the following actions be taken with respect to overnight parking:

10. (ADDED) Permitting Overnight Parking Additional Months of the Year

*That the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to bring forward a draft proposed by-law, at the Municipal Council meeting on September 1, 2015, to amend the Traffic and Parking By-law (PS-111) in order to provide for a pilot project for permitting overnight parking up to and including November 1, 2015;*

*it being noted that the Civic Administration will provide additional information regarding the implications of the pilot project at the Municipal Council meeting of September 1, 2015, for consideration by the Municipal Council; it being understood that the findings from the pilot project, should it be implemented, would be used in assessing overnight parking provisions for future years. (2015-T02)*

This memo provides the Council with the information requested.

## Background

Parking regulations are put in place to address safety concerns or to address specific community needs. Until the summer of 2009, parking was prohibited on all City streets from 3:00 am to 5:00 am, commonly referred to as overnight parking.

In 2009, Council authorized the relaxation of the overnight parking restrictions from June 15th to September 7th (Labour Day) as a pilot program in order to gauge the impact and community opinion of the program. In 2010, the modification to the overnight parking restriction was made permanent and extended to include the Saturday before Victoria Day to Labour Day each year. It should be noted that commercial vehicles, recreational vehicles and trailers are not exempt and overnight off-street parking must be found. At the same time, procedures were put in place for streets to retain the overnight parking restriction year-round.



The change to overnight parking restrictions in 2010 resulted in a one-time cost of \$60,000 to change the City's entrance signs, parking meters and to install approximately 750 individual "No Parking 3 am to 5 am" signs on streets that kept the restriction year-round. It was estimated that potential parking fine revenue was reduced by \$185,000 in 2010 as a result of relaxation of the

overnight parking restriction during the summer months.

## Operational Impacts

The relaxation of the overnight parking restriction may result in a reduced level of service related to roadway operations and maintenance. Overnight street sweeping is part of the regular street sweeping program. Local streets are completed once in the spring as part of the regular rotation, and again if it is determined a repeat visit is required. Main streets are cleaned two more times after the initial spring cleaning.

The regular street sweeping program is generally completed by end of June (e.g, weather dependent, amount of sand to be removed). The City utilizes its own resources during the day and night after the spring sweeping schedule during the remainder of the year. The sweeping of residential streets during the spring cleaning can be impacted as street sweeping equipment are required to manoeuvre around parked vehicles, which leaves sand, gravel and debris on the street. As residential streets are swept once per year and due to demands of covering the entire City, these missed areas are not tracked or re-done.

The leaf 'vacuuming' program was eliminated in 2004 as a cost savings measure and to provide the same service to all Londoners in curbside homes with the introduction of the leaf collection curbside collection program. The City does sweep during the fall near intersections on an as required basis if safety concerns are identified due to leaf buildup.

Curbside leaf collection (Green Collection Weeks) become heavy by mid-October. With additional vehicles parked on the streets after 7:00am, the first one or two hours will cause some impacts as it is anticipated that large piles of paper bags will be behind more parked cars. This will increase the collection time per stop and possibly additional bag breakage due to the greater walking distance that would have to be covered.

Sewer Operations undertake a program of catch basin cleanouts which is scheduled during the night on arterial roads to reduce traffic impacts. Operations are not impacted as the majority of those roads have no parking permitted.

### Monetary Impacts

In order to provide a broader overview of the potential financial impacts, the following summary identifies the estimated impacts on revenue for a relaxed overnight parking ban in the spring and the fall.

<b>Overnight Parking 3 am to 5 am</b>			
<b>Estimated Financial Implications for Extending Relaxation</b>			
<b>2012</b>			
<b>Timeframe</b>	<b># of Tickets Issued</b>	<b>Ticket Value</b>	<b>Fine Revenue</b>
September 2 – October 31, 2012	5907	\$35	\$206,745
<b>2013</b>			
<b>Timeframe</b>	<b># of Tickets Issued</b>	<b>Ticket Value</b>	<b>Fine Revenue</b>
September 2 – October 31, 2013	5993	\$35	\$209,755
<b>2014</b>			
<b>Timeframe</b>	<b># of Tickets Issued</b>	<b>Ticket Value</b>	<b>Fine Revenue</b>
September 2 – October 31, 2014	6501	\$35	\$227,535
3 year average			<b>\$214,678</b>

It should be noted that there will be no savings in expenditures from the enforcement contract (which expires December 31 2015) as there is a minimal amount of officers on duty overnight to cover the City.

A pilot program to allow for overnight parking until November 1<sup>st</sup> of 2015 is anticipated to reduce parking fine revenue in the order of \$215,000 based on a 3 year average.

## **Parking Permit System**

The City is currently in the process of implementing a new parking software. The issuance of overnight parking permits is currently not available and the new system is not anticipated to be completed until early 2016.

### **Summary**

An extension to the timeframe whereby vehicles are allowed to park on City streets will likely be received by most residents as positive; however, based on current and past feedback, there are some residents who prefer keeping vehicles off the street.

The extension of overnight parking to November 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 will result in a loss of fine revenue. Signage and parking meter information changes would not be undertaken as the change would be communicated through various media channels in order to avoid additional costs (\$60,000) at this time.

The impacts to operational services (sweeping, storm sewer operations, leaf collection) would be monitored during the extended timeframe in order to report back any concerns.

Should Council wish to change the overnight parking restrictions to include November 1<sup>st</sup>, then it is suggested that the following resolution be put forward for consideration:

The attached proposed by-law (Appendix "A') BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council meeting to be held on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015, for the purposes of amending the Traffic and Parking By-law (P.S. 111).

Sincerely,

John Braam

George Kotsifas

cc: Edward Soldo, Director, Roads and Transportation  
Shane Maguire, Division Manager, Roadway Lighting and Traffic Control  
Annette Drost, Manager, Municipal Law Enforcement- Parking & Licensing

Bill No.  
2015

By-law No. PS-111-15\_\_\_\_

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 subsection 10(2) paragraph 7. Of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, provides that a municipality may pass by-laws to provide any service or thing that the municipality considers necessary or desirable to the public;

AND WHEREAS subsection 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. Section 9, No Parking In Unposted Locations, of the said By-law PS-111 is hereby amended by deleting Section 9 (3) it in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

"(3) Subsection 9 (1) k) of this by-law does not apply to non-recreational vehicles the Saturday immediately prior to Victoria Day to November 1<sup>st</sup> inclusive. "

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

PASSED in Open Council on September 1, 2015.

Matt Brown  
Mayor

Catharine Saunders  
City Clerk

First Reading – September 1, 2015  
Second Reading – September 1, 2015  
Third Reading – September 1, 2015