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| TO: | CHAIR AND MEMBERS CIVIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING ON OCTOBER 4, 2016 |
| FROM: | JOHN BRAAM, P. ENG. MANAGING DIRECTOR, ENVIRONMENTAL & ENGINEERING SERVICES AND CITY ENGINEER |
| SUBJECT: | PARKING BETWEEN THE SIDEWALK AND ROADWAY |

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| RECOMMENDATION |
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That on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Environmental & Engineering Services and City Engineer, the following report **BE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION**.

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| PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER |
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For additional information, please refer to the following committee reports:

April 7, 2008: Environment and Transportation Committee, [Various Parking Issues](#);

September 9, 2015: Civic Works Committee, [Amendments to the Traffic and Parking By-law](#); and

August 18, 2016: Civic Works Committee, [Overnight Parking Pass Program](#).

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| 2015-19 STRATEGIC PLAN |
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The following report supports the Strategic Plan through the strategic focus area of **Strengthening Our Community** by improving safety, traffic operations and residential parking needs in London's neighbourhoods.

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| BACKGROUND |
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At its October 30, 2012 meeting, Council pass the following recommendation:

“That the Director, Roads and Transportation **BE REQUESTED** to review and report back at a future meeting of the Civic Works Committee (CWC) with respect to the communication dated October 4, 2012, from David Burdan, 68 Hillhead Road, related to parallel parking at the end of driveways; it being noted that Mr. Burdan is to be given delegation status when the report comes back to the CWC.”

Prior to September 15, 2015 the City of London's Traffic and Parking By-law (PS-111) prohibited parking between the roadway and sidewalk. PS-111 was amended September 15th, 2015 to exempt driveways where the distance between the sidewalk and road was equal to or greater than 5.5 metres. This exception addresses those properties where there is sufficient space to park a vehicle perpendicular to the road.

The following report addresses the issue where vehicles parking parallel to the road between the sidewalk and road. (File Number 9, Parallel Parking at the End of Driveways, CWC Deferred Matters List)

DISCUSSION

The prohibition of parking between the sidewalk and road was put in place to address sidewalk snow plowing issues and to help address property standards issues.

Sidewalk Snow Plowing

Snow plowing of sidewalks can be a challenge at the best of times. Vehicles that are parked close to the sidewalk create difficulty for the plow operator and there have been incidents of vehicles being damaged. When this area is clear then the snow plow operator has sufficient room to manoeuvre around vehicles that are parked close to the sidewalk on the house side.

Neighbourhood Aesthetics

If the distance between the sidewalk and road is less than 5.5 metres drivers often drive over the boulevard in order to park parallel to the road. This can result in damage to the City's boulevard and trees from the repeated compaction of the soil. Tire ruts can be unsightly and it can have a negative impact on the aesthetics of the neighbourhood. The City's Planning Division and Forestry Division are both supportive of maintaining the existing parking restriction to help mitigate the above.

Overnight Parking

The regulations with respect to parking on the street between 3:00 am and 5:00 am, commonly referred to as Overnight Parking, have been modified to give drivers other alternatives. Overnight parking is now allowed from Victoria Day weekend to Labour Day and after Labour Day drivers can obtain an overnight parking pass (maximum 15 per vehicle).

CONCLUSION

The current Traffic & Parking By-law allows for vehicles to park between the sidewalk and road if the distance is greater than 5.5 metres which is a typical parking stall. If the distance is less than 5.5 metres the vehicles are driven over the boulevard resulting in damage to City property and decreased neighbourhood aesthetics.



Changes to overnight parking provide drivers with other alternatives other than parking between the sidewalk and roadway. Based on the above, it is recommended that the existing parking restrictions remain in place.

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