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TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS CIVIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING ON MAY 27, 2013
FROM:	JOHN BRAAM, P. ENG. MANAGING DIRECTOR, ENVIRONMENTAL & ENGINEERING SERVICES AND CITY ENGINEER
SUBJECT	TROWBRIDGE AVENUE PARKING PASSES

RECOMMENDATION

That on the recommendation of the Director, Environmental & Engineering Services and City Engineer, **NO ACTION** be taken with respect to changing the parking regulations on Trowbridge Avenue (All), Mary Avenue (all) and Pinewood Drive from Mary Avenue to Randol Drive.

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

- January 21, 2013: Civic Works Committee, Item # 2 Trowbridge Avenue Parking Passes

BACKGROUND

On January 21st, 2013 Municipal Council requested that Civic Administration survey the residents of Trowbridge Avenue, Mary Street and Pinewood Drive (see map below) for the purpose of implementing the Residential Parking Pass Program (RPPP). The following report outlines the results of the survey.



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DISCUSSION

On-street parking was eliminated (Monday to Friday, 8:00 am to 6:00 pm) on both sides of Trowbridge Avenue following two parking surveys and the support of the residents; however some residents have asked for other options to allow them and their guests to park on the street. The following are the results from the original Trowbridge Avenue surveys:

1. December 2011: Prohibit Parking on the east side of Trowbridge Avenue (Monday to Friday, 8:00 am to 6:00 pm)

Residents responded	In Support of 'No Parking'	Opposed to 'No Parking'
31 out of 40	23	8
78%	74%	26%

2. July 2012: Prohibit Parking on the west side of Trowbridge Avenue (Monday to Friday, 8:00 am to 6:00 pm)

Residents responded	In Support of 'No Parking'	Opposed to 'No Parking'
29	24	5
70%	82%	18%

It was recommended that the residents of Trowbridge Avenue be surveyed for potential Residential Parking Pass Program. In addition, since parking was no longer available on Trowbridge Avenue, the residents of neighbouring Mary Avenue started to experience high parking usage on their street. It was anticipated that Pinewood Drive will also be impacted in case there are restrictions put in place on Mary Avenue.

City staff conducted a mail-back survey for the Residential Parking Pass Program (RPPP) on Trowbridge Avenue, Mary Avenue and Pinewood Drive. Additionally the residents of Mary Avenue and Pinewood Drive were given the option of removing parking on one side of the street if the RPPP program is not supported. The following tables outline the results of the Residential Parking Pass Program survey on Trowbridge Avenue, Mary Avenue and Pinewood Drive and No Parking on one side of the street on Mary Avenue and Pinewood Drive:

Trowbridge Avenue:

Residents responded	In Support of RPPP	Opposed to RPPP	No Opinion
26 out of 40	4	20	2
65%	15%	77%	8%

The majority of respondents on Trowbridge Avenue rejected the RPPP program in general; however, the majority of respondents commented that such a program can be effective if the parking passes are provided free of charge to the homeowners. It is appreciated that the parking issues on Trowbridge Avenue are the result of external forces (e.g. Springbank Medical Centre); however, this is similar to many other areas in the City.

The purpose of the RPPP fee is to partially recover the cost of operating the program (e.g. sign manufacturing, sign installation and yearly pass administration). It should be noted that most cities that offer a similar program also charge for their passes with most fees being higher than London's fees.

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Mary Avenue:

Residents responded 19 out of 36 61%	In Support of RPPP 3 16%	Opposed to RPPP 14 74%	No Opinion 2 10%			
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The majority of respondents on Mary Avenue rejected the proposed Residential Parking Pass Program. The proposed No Parking restriction on one side of the street was split evenly. Normally, a 50% response rate is required to validate the survey and 67% of the respondents must support the change. Since there was no clear consensus from the residents regarding removing on street parking from one side of the street it is recommended to maintain parking on both sides of the street and conduct another survey in later years if requested.

Pinewood Avenue:

Residents responded 12 out of 20 60%	In Support of RPPP 0 0%	Opposed to RPPP 12 100%	No Opinion 0 0%			
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The majority of respondents on Pinewood Drive rejected the proposed Residential Parking Pass Program and the No Parking restriction on one side of the street. It is recommended to maintain parking on both sides of the street.

CONCLUSION

Implementation of the RPPP on Trowbridge Avenue, Mary Avenue and Pinewood Drive was not supported by the residents. The removal of on-street parking on one side of the street on Mary Avenue or Pinewood Drive was also not supported. It is recommended to maintain current parking regulations on Trowbridge Avenue, Mary Avenue and Pinewood Drive at this time; noting that other parking surveys can be conducted if parking concerns change on those streets. It should be noted that parking is permitted on Trowbridge Avenue after 6:00 pm during the week and all-day on weekends/holidays.

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