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TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS CIVIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING ON DECEMBER 3, 2012
FROM:	JOHN BRAAM, P. ENG. MANAGING DIRECTOR, ENVIRONMENTAL & ENGINEERING SERVICES AND CITY ENGINEER AND GEORGE KOTSIFAS, P. ENG. MANAGING DIRECTOR, DEVELOPMENT AND COMPLIANCE SERVICES AND CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL
SUBJECT	OVERNIGHT PARKING

RECOMMENDATION

That on the recommendation of the Managing Director of Environmental & Engineering Services and City Engineer and the Managing Director of Development and Compliance Services and Chief Building Official, the following report **BE RECEIVED** for information.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER
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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";
7. September 25th, 2008: Service Level Review Committee "Parking Business Plan"; and
8. November 16th, 2009: Environment and Transportation Committee 2009 Overnight Parking Pilot Program;
9. April 19th, 2010: Environment and Transportation Committee Overnight Parking and Procedures to Petition for Prohibiting Overnight Parking;
10. May 10th, 2010: Environment and Transportation Committee Summertime Overnight Parking and Procedures for Changing Summertime Overnight Parking Restrictions on a Street by Street Basis.
11. October 18th, 2010: Environment and Transportation Committee Summertime Overnight Parking Update

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BACKGROUND

Purpose:

At its meeting on October 9, 2012, Council resolved that the following actions be taken with respect to overnight parking:

*“the Civic Administration **BE REQUESTED** to report back at a future meeting of the Civic Works Committee (CWC) with respect to extending the provisions for allowing overnight parking from May 1 to October 31, every year; it being noted that the report back should include any financial impacts, such as lost revenue, that would be incurred as a result of extending the period when overnight parking is allowed”*

This report provides the Committee and Council with the background information to address these issues.

Discussion:

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.

In addition to the monetary implications, the relaxation of the overnight parking restriction has resulted in level of service implications related to roadway operations and maintenance. The sweeping of residential streets has been impacted as street sweeping equipment are required to manoeuvre around parked vehicles, which leaves sand, gravel and debris on the street. The residential streets are sweep once per year and due to demands of covering the entire City, these missed areas are not tracked or re-done.

The Extension of Overnight Parking - May 1st to October 31st

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.

Expansion of the current program will further impact street sweeping activities, leaving more residential streets with unswept sand, gravel and debris as resources are not sufficient to track the impacted areas and return to these streets. While the probability is low, there is still the potential for snow in October and parked vehicles will impact the City's ability to clear the snow and/or ice.

The London Police Services were contacted regarding this potential proposal and they stated that providing additional overnight parking will not impact the occurrences of impaired driving.

Revising the overnight parking provisions will result in a one-time cost of \$15,000 to change the City's entrance signs and parking meters. It is estimated that the potential parking fine revenue will be reduced by an additional \$260,000 annually. It should be noted that there is no offset enforcement cost reductions since the enforcement officers will still be required to patrol the streets enforcing other parking offences.

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Summary:





The extension of permitted overnight parking will further impact residential street sweeping with some sections of streets not being swept due to parked vehicles. If implemented, there would be a one-time cost of \$15,000 to replace the City's entrance signs and update the parking meters. The annual reduction in potential fine revenue is estimated to be \$260,000 which is equivalent to a 0.06% increase in the 2013 property tax levy.

If Council wishes to change the overnight parking restrictions to include May 1st to October 31st, then it is suggested that the following resolutions be put forward for consideration:

- a) The attached proposed by-law (Appendix "A") **BE INTRODUCED** at the Municipal Council meeting to be held on <Council Date>, for the purposes of amending the Traffic and Parking By-law (P.S. 111); and
- b) The proposed 2013 Parking Fine revenue budget **BE REDUCED** by \$260,000 due to the expected reduction in fine revenue; noting that this would require a 0.06% increase in the property tax levy in the 2013 budget.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

This report was prepared with the assistance of Annette Drost, Municipal Law Enforcement Services Parking and Licensing.

PREPARED BY:	REVIEWED & CONCURRED BY:
	
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RECOMMENDED BY:	RECOMMENDED BY:
	
JOHN BRAAM, P.ENG. MANAGING DIRECTOR, ENVIRONMENTAL & ENGINEERING SERVICES AND CITY ENGINEER	GEORGE KOTSIFAS, P. ENG. MANAGING DIRECTOR, DEVELOPMENT AND COMPLIANCE SERVICES AND CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL

October 29, 2012

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Attach: Appendix "A", Draft 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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c.c. A. Drost, Manager, Municipal Law Enforcement Services Parking and Licensing

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APPENDIX "A"
**DRAFT BY-LAW TO AMEND THE TRAFFIC & PARKING BY-LAW (P.S. 111) WITH RESECT
TO CHANGES TO THE OVERNIGHT PARKING RESTRICTION**
Bill No.

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."

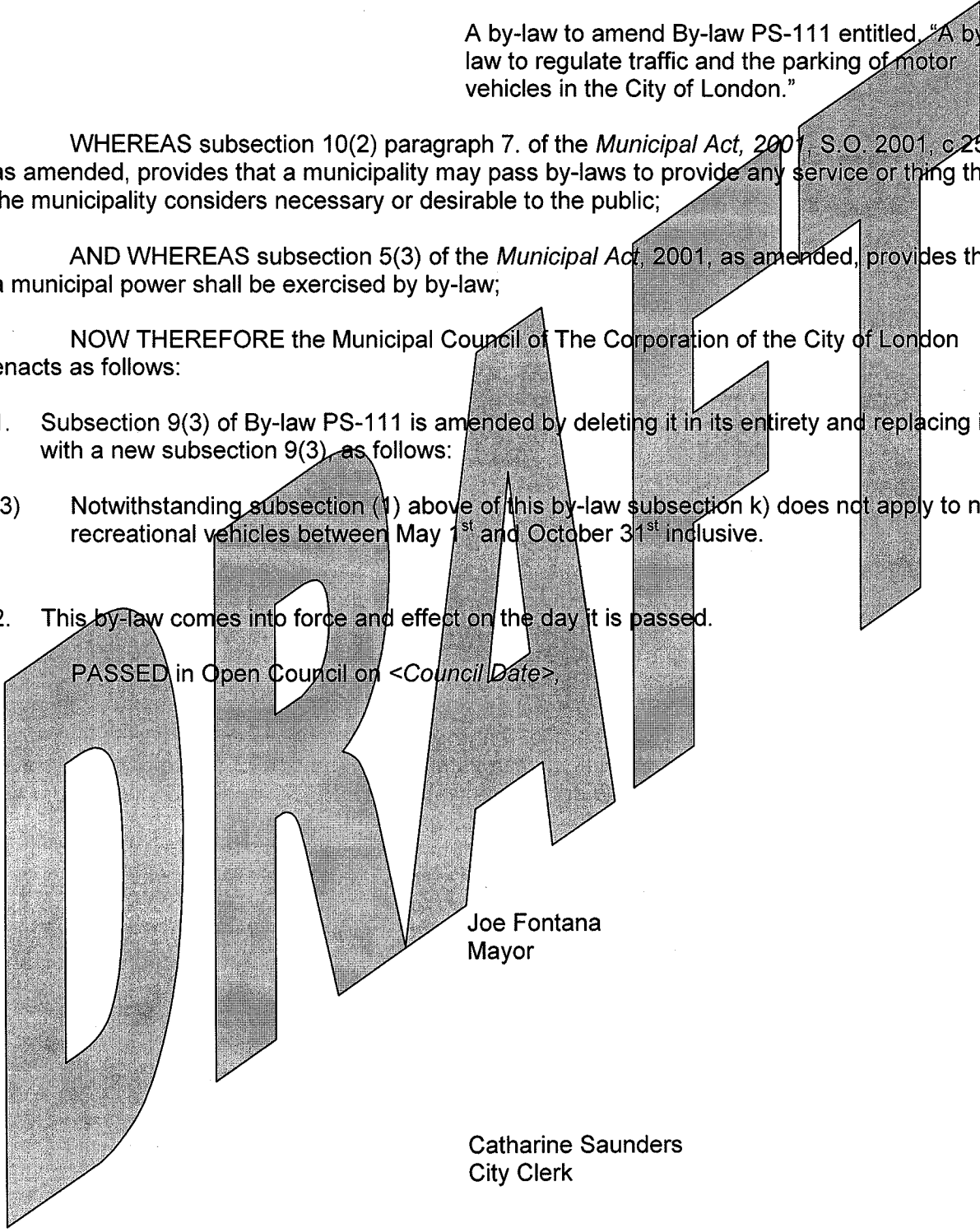
WHEREAS subsection 10(2) paragraph 7. of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c 25, as amended, provides that a municipality may pass by-laws to provide any service or thing that the municipality considers necessary or desirable to the public;

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. Subsection 9(3) of By-law PS-111 is amended by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with a new subsection 9(3) as follows:
 - (3) Notwithstanding subsection (1) above of this by-law subsection k) does not apply to non-recreational vehicles between May 1st and October 31st inclusive.
2. This by-law comes into force and effect on the day it is passed.

PASSED in Open Council on <Council Date>



Joe Fontana
Mayor

Catharine Saunders
City Clerk

First Reading –
Second Reading –
Third Reading –