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TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH, 2011
FROM:	JOHN LUCAS, P. ENG. ACTING DIRECTOR, ROADS & TRANSPORTATION
SUBJECT	2012 PARKING FINES

RECOMMENDATION

That on the recommendation of the Acting Director, Roads & Transportation, Environmental & Engineering Service that Civic Administration **BE AUTHORIZED** to undertake all administrative acts that are necessary to seek increased set fines for parking related offences as per Appendix "A".

BACKGROUND

PURPOSE:

On October 19th, 2001 the Service Review Committee recommended the following:

*"That the Civic Administration **BE DIRECTED** to report back to the Services Review Committee with respect to a suggested fee schedule for increasing parking fines, to accommodate proportional fine increases that are related to the severity of the current fine, and for consistency; it being noted that any proposed fines are reviewed and implemented by the Chief Justice, as a set fine."*

In order to ensure the fine changes are implemented in early 2012 as was suggested by the Service Review Committee (SRC), the following report is presented to the Built and Natural Environment Committee to expedite the application for approval by the Ontario Chief Justice. It reviews parking related fines and proposes two alternatives which respond to the Service Review committee recommendation. The final resolution from Municipal Council will be forwarded to the Service Review Committee at an upcoming meeting.

DISCUSSION:

With the exception of the fine for parking at an expired meter, London parking fines have remained unchanged since 1995. Parking fines are to be punitive in nature and should reflect the severity of the offence. The number of infractions has increased over the years which suggest the fine amount may not be enough of a deterrent. London fines are generally slightly below the Ontario Municipal Benchmarking Initiative (OMBI) median; the proposed changes would put them at slightly above the median.

A number of options were considered by staff when determining the amount of the proposed fine increases. These were narrowed down to the following two options:

Option 1 - \$5 fine increase

- All fines are increased by at least \$5
- Some higher increases to match similar offences (achieves direction as requested by SRC)
- Assumes a 5% reduction in the number of tickets due to improved compliance
- Based on the number and type of tickets issued in 2010 the average increase in fines would be \$5.87

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Option 2 - \$10 fine increase

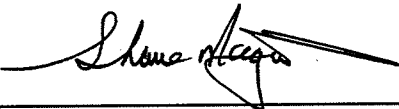
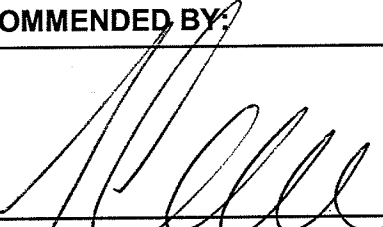
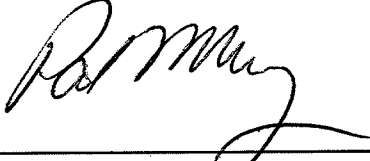
- Most fines are increased by \$10
- Fines for expired meters remain unchanged at \$20
- Some higher increases to match similar offences
- Assumes a 7.5% reduction in the number of tickets with fine increases due to improved compliance
- Based on the volume of tickets issued in 2010 the average increase in fines would be \$5.21

SUMMARY:

When the Service Review Committee considered proposed fine changes in the 2012 Parking Business Plan, it requested a review of proportional changes to existing fines. The proposed changes strive to achieve compliance with the parking by-laws and equity by making fines the same for similar offences.

The 2012 Parking Operating Budget includes increased revenues through fine increases. The 2012 anticipated budget impact is -\$240,000 based on changes being made in early 2012.

It is recommended that the fines for parking related offences be increased as per Option 1 which is a smaller base increase than Option 2.

SUBMITTED BY:	RECOMMENDED BY:
	
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Attach: Appendix "A" – Parking Fine Increase Options

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Appendix "A"
Parking Fine Increase Options

By-Law	By-law Section	Violation	Current Set Fine	Proposed Set Fine
PS-111	5(1)	Park facing wrong way	\$30	\$35
PS-111	5(1)	Park more than .3 meters from curb	\$30	\$35
PS-111	6(1)(a)	Angle park not within pavement markings	\$30	\$35
PS-111	6(1)(b)	Angle park exceed 60 degrees	\$30	\$35
PS-111	6(2)(a)	Angle park with load extending	\$30	\$35
PS-111	6(2)(b)	Angle park vehicle attached to trailer	\$30	\$35
PS-111	6(2)(c)	Angle park obstructing traffic	\$30	\$55 ⁽²⁾
PS-111	7(1)	Park facing wrong way on one way street	\$30	\$35
PS-111	7(2)	Park more than .3 meters from edge of roadway	\$30	\$35
PS-111	8(1)	Stop in traffic lane	\$50	\$55
PS-111	8(2)	Stop in prohibited area - signed	\$50	\$55
PS-111	9(1)(a)	Park on sidewalk	\$30	\$55 ⁽²⁾
PS-111	9(1)(b)	Park between sidewalk and roadway	\$30	\$35
PS-111	9(1)(c)	Park on boulevard	\$30	\$55 ⁽²⁾
PS-111	9(1)(d)	Park in front of (driveway access / lane)	\$30	\$55 ⁽²⁾
PS-111	9(1)(e)	Park within an intersection	\$30	\$55 ⁽²⁾
PS-111	9(1)(f)	Park within 2 meters of fire hydrant	\$30	\$80 ⁽⁴⁾
PS-111	9(1)(g)	Park on crosswalk	\$30	\$55 ⁽²⁾
PS-111	9(1)(h)	Park within 6 meters of crosswalk at intersection	\$30	\$35
PS-111	9(1)(i)	Park - obstruct traffic	\$30	\$55 ⁽²⁾
PS-111	9(1)(j)	Park - prevent removal of previously parked vehicle	\$30	\$35
PS-111	9(1)(k)	Park prohibited - 3:00 am to 5:00 pm	\$30	\$35
PS-111	9(1)(l)	Park - obstruct ramp	\$30	\$35
PS-111	9(1)(m)	Park within 15 meters of signal controlled intersection	\$30	\$55 ⁽²⁾
PS-111	9(1)(n)	Park - on (roadway/ shoulder) longer than 12 hours	\$30	\$35
PS-111	10(1)(a)	Park - in front of entrance to office building	\$30	\$35
PS-111	10(1)(b)	Park - in front of entrance to hospital	\$30	\$35
PS-111	10(1)(c)	Park - within 20M of intersection	\$30	\$35
PS-111	10(1)(d)	Park - within 8m of fire hall	\$30	\$35
PS-111	10(1)(e)	Park - adjacent to school property	\$30	\$35
PS-111	10(1)(f)	Park - adjacent to service station	\$30	\$35
PS-111	10(1)(g)	Park - within 30M of intersection controlled by traffic signal	\$30	\$35
PS-111	11	Park - signed prohibited area	\$30	\$35
PS-111	12	Park - in bus stop	\$50	\$55
PS-111	12	Stop - in bus stop	\$50	\$55
PS-111	12(1)	Park - in paratransit stop	\$50	\$55
PS-111	12(1)	Stop - in paratransit stop	\$50	\$55
PS-111	13(1)	Park - in a taxi stand	\$30	\$35

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By-Law	By-law Section	Violation	Current Set Fine	Proposed Set Fine
PS-111	14	Park - in a loading zone	\$30	\$35
PS-111	15(1)	Park - where restricted	\$30	\$35
PS-111	16	Park over time limit	\$20	\$25
PS-111	16.1(1)	Park vehicle without valid Residential Parking Pass displayed	\$30	\$35
PS-111	17	Angle park where not permitted	\$30	\$35
PS-111	18(a)	Stop in rush hour route	\$50	\$55
PS-111	19(1)	Park motorcycle more than 45 degree angle	\$30	\$35
PS-111	27(2)	Park heavy truck on prohibited street	\$90	\$100 ⁽³⁾
PS-111	39(1)	Park outside meter zone	\$30	\$35
PS-111	40(1)	Park more than one vehicle in parking space	\$30	\$35
PS-111	42(1)	Park in parking meter zone without depositing appropriate parking meter payment	\$20	\$25
PS-111	42(1.1)	Park in parking meter zone exceeding maximum period allowable	\$20	\$25
PS-111	45	Park exceeding maximum period allowable	\$30	\$35
PS-111	47(a)	Park in space adjacent to meter indicating no unexpired time	\$20	\$25
PS-111	47(b)(i)	Park without display of paper from pay and display parking meter	\$20	\$25
PS-111	47(b)(ii)	Park beyond time and date on paper from pay and display meter	\$20	\$25
PS-111	54	Park outside designated space - metered lot	\$30	\$35
PS-111	56(4)	Permit vehicle to be parked in reserved parking space	\$30	\$35
PS-111	57	Park vehicle exceeding 6.1 meters in length	\$30	\$35
PS-111	60	Park outside designated space - unmetered lot	\$30	\$35
PS-111	61	Park over time limit-unmetered lot	\$20	\$25
PS-111	62(2)	Park during prohibited hours - unmetered lot	\$30	\$35
PS-111	63	Park vehicle exceeding 6.1 meters in length - unmetered lot	\$30	\$35
PS-111	71(1)	Park in fire route	\$75	\$80
PS-111	72	Park in space designated for disabled person on-street	\$300	\$325 ⁽³⁾
PS-111	77	Park in space designated for disabled person off-street	\$300	\$325 ⁽³⁾
PS-111	78(2)	Park in municipal councillors area - signed	\$30	\$35
PS-111	79	Park vehicle in privately owned (parking lot/ parking facility) exceeding maximum period allowable	\$30	\$35
PS-111	79.1	Park vehicle in privately owned (parking lot/ parking facility) without authorization	\$30	\$35
PS-111	79.2	Park privately-owned land not used as lot or facility without authorization	\$30	\$35
PS-111	81.1	Park vehicle on Corporation-owned or occupied land without authorization	\$30	\$35

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By-Law	By-law Section	Violation	Current Set Fine	Proposed Set Fine
PH-15	3.1	Idle motor vehicle for more than 2 consecutive minutes	\$50	\$55
PH-15	3.3	Idle transit vehicle more than 5 consecutive minutes	\$50	\$55
PR-2	3.1(7)	Park motor vehicle in (park / recreation area) in place other than authorized area	\$40	\$55 ⁽²⁾
PR-2	3.1(8)	Park motor vehicle in (park/recreation area) between 10 pm and 6 am	\$40	\$55 ⁽²⁾
PR-2	4.1(3)	Park trailer for overnight accommodation	\$40	\$55 ⁽²⁾
PR-2	5.2(2)	Park motor vehicle in parking area between 10 pm and 6 am	\$40	\$55 ⁽²⁾
PR-2	5.4(5)	Park trailer in (ESA/ natural park area)	\$60	\$65
PS-112	2.1	Park Motor Vehicle on Parking Space that does not comply with Parking Space requirements	\$50	\$55
PS-112	2.1	Stop Motor Vehicle on Parking Space that does not comply with Parking Space requirements	\$50	\$55
PS-112	2.1	Stand Motor Vehicle on Parking Space that does not comply with Parking Space requirements	\$50	\$55
S-3	2.1	Park in Unauthorized Area	\$50	\$55
S-3	2.1	Stop in Unauthorized Area	\$50	\$55

Notes:

- (1) Fine remained the same.
- (2) Fine increased to be the same severity as parking in an unauthorized area.
- (3) Additional fine increase due to the severity of the offence
- (4) Fine increased to be the same severity as parking in a fire route