

Re: PARKING RESTRICTIONS - ROYAL OAK AVENUE -
BERESFORD TO VICTORY STREETS

ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendation of the Director Engineering be adopted.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1986 DECEMBER 24

FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

SUBJECT: PARKING RESTRICTIONS - ROYAL OAK AVENUE - BERESFORD
TO VICTORY STREETS

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT the installation of two-hour time limited parking effective Monday to Saturday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., on both sides of Royal Oak Avenue from Beresford Street to Victory Street be approved, and,
2. THAT Alta Vista Baptist Church be sent a copy of this report.

S U M M A R Y

Since Skytrain commenced operation in 1986 January, Council and the Engineering Department have received requests for posted restrictions in the vicinity of the various stations. Because of a delay in implementing full bus-Skytrain integration and the complication of Expo-generated parking, staff have to date only monitored the situation. Since the end of Expo, one area which has continued to produce complaints regarding on-street parking has been in the vicinity of the Royal Oak station. Based upon our investigation of these complaints, the installation of posted two-hour time limited parking to be in effect from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Saturday inclusive, is being recommended.

R E P O R T

Complaints pertaining to lack of available on-street parking in the vicinity of the Skytrain stations have been received since the inception of the Skytrain service. Staff response to these complaints has been that those situations would be monitored until it stabilized (after Expo) and then consider possible solutions if the problems still persisted. The number and frequency of complaints reduced considerably after Expo, and our periodic investigations indicated that in many areas the amount of available on-street parking increased, as expected, following Expo.

One area, though, that appears to have experienced relatively little change after Expo, has been in the vicinity of the

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Royal Oak station. This may be due in part to the fact that this station is attracting proportionately more Skytrain users than B. C. Transit had originally forecast. As a result, the residents in the area have continued to register their concerns about the lack of available on-street parking, and also about the apparent disregard some people have for such existing parking restrictions as corner clearances and driveway clearances. Attached to this report is a copy of a letter received from the Alta Vista Baptist Church which is an example of the type of complaint that has been received.

In response to this and other complaints, it was concluded that one solution might be the installation of a posted two-hour parking time limit on both sides of Royal Oak Avenue from Beresford Street to Victory Street. Recognizing that such a restriction could cause hardship on the adjacent residents, we conducted a door-to-door canvass of every house abutting this section of Royal Oak Avenue. Of the 15 properties affected, one resident did not respond (although they were contacted), three expressed their opposition, and the remainder were either completely in favour or at least found the proposal acceptable.

In view of this support, a posted two-hour parking time limit in effect from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Saturday inclusive, is being recommended.

The installation of a posted two-hour time limit in the subject block of Royal Oak Avenue may result in those Skytrain users currently parking there relocating to either Victory Street, the next block south, or possibly another residential street in the vicinity. If this happens, we can expect these areas to request similar treatment until such time as a "saturation point" is reached at a sufficient distance from the Skytrain station to discourage "park and riders."

During our door-to-door canvass, one frequent complaint pertained to the problems associated with the parking occurring on Sundays that was attributed to the Baptist Church. These complaints included obstruction of driveways and corner clearances which do not require signing but do require enforcement. We have requested the R.C.M.P. to monitor the alleged Sunday problems as well as the intended time limited parking.

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Attach.


DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

