

CITY OF BURNABY

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
(TRAFFIC SAFETY DIVISION)

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

C. RESIDENT PERMIT PARKING

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council approve a consultation process with the residents in the Burnaby Hospital area who have existing resident parking only on their street regarding the options for a permit system for resident parking.

REPORT

The Traffic and Transportation Committee (Traffic Safety Division), at its meeting held on 1997 June 03, adopted the *attached* report responding to administrative and operational concerns regarding the enforcement process for the "Resident Parking Only" zone in the area around Burnaby Hospital.

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INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

TO: TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE **DATE:** 1997 05 22
FROM: ASST. DIRECTOR ENGINEERING,
TRAFFIC & ENGINEERING SYSTEMS **FILE:** 55-05-01
SUBJECT: RESIDENT PERMIT PARKING
PURPOSE: To respond to administrative and operational concerns regarding the enforcement process for the 'Resident Parking Only' zone in the area around Burnaby Hospital.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the residents in the Burnaby Hospital area who have existing resident parking only on their street be consulted regarding the options for a permit system for resident parking.

REPORT

1.0 INTRODUCTION

With the expansion of the 'Resident Parking Only' (RPO) zones in the area surrounding Burnaby Hospital, greater demand has been placed on Engineering staff and Bylaw Enforcement staff in order to keep the system efficient.

At present, identifying which vehicle is permitted to park within a specified resident zone is determined by means of a master list of vehicle licence plate numbers. This list is compiled by Engineering Department staff who in turn provide updated information to the RCMP Traffic Section. Due to this cumbersome process, individuals who thought they were entitled to park in resident zones have received violations. This in turn has generated additional work for both Engineering and Bylaw staff who have to investigate the situation and if need be, repeal the violation. It is noted the valid plate census process was implemented two years ago to minimize the number of complaints received by the police regarding "unfair" or inappropriate tickets. Unfortunately, it has not resolved the difficulties relative to enforcement but has created a significant burden of administrative overhead.

2.0 BACKGROUND

The current RPO zone around the Burnaby Hospital is unique in that there is no permit system for facilitating enforcement. Other cities do utilize signed RPO without permit but only for relatively short zones along isolated street fronts. These RPO zones are typically interspersed with time limited zones to allow for visitors and general public parking. Enforcement, if any, is by specific resident complaint with the attendant operational problems.

For the larger zones that encompass small neighbourhoods, enforcement is carried out on the basis of permits issued to bonafide residents. For example, in the City of Vancouver there are 14 zones and attached is renewal notice for one such area which outlines how the scheme works. It is noted that all of the 'Resident Permit Parking' (RPP) zones in Vancouver are now operated on a common administrative basis whereas previously the city had variety of systems deployed in different areas, issuing placards and/or permits for residents as well as visitors. It is also noted that not all on-street space on a residential block face is reserved exclusively for resident use as is generally the case now around Burnaby Hospital.

3.0 RESIDENT PERMIT PARKING OPTIONS

To streamline the vehicle identification process and make it easier for the Bylaw Enforcement staff to issue parking violations to would-be offenders, we would recommend that the existing RPO system be converted to RPP to incorporate either of the following options:

Option 1 - Decal System

This system would involve the issuing 'Resident Permit Parking' decals affixed to vehicles owned by area residents similar to existing program in the City of Vancouver. These decals would allow the vehicle to be parked in any legally signed RPO zone within the prescribed region. Zones would be established at either ends of the street for visitor parking. Parking in these zones would be limited to 2 hours with an exemption for area residents with decals. The resident permit would not exempt residents from complying with other on-street time limited regulations contiguous with non-residential land uses.

Option 2 - Placard System

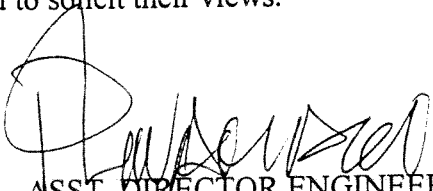
Similar to the RPP decal system except resident vehicle identification would be provided by means of a transferable placard suspended from the automobile mirror. However, in the place of visitor parking zones at the ends of each roadway, residents would be able to transfer placards to permit visitors to park in RPO zones. While the placard system seems more "flexible" than the RPP decal system, it is more open to abuse through resale or theft from vehicles. It also requires that residents who choose not to park on-street buy placards for use by their visitors.

It is noted that with either RPP there would be no applicability for the current 3 Hour Bylaw which some residents currently use to limit parking by others in front of their premises.

4.0 CONCLUSION

The City of Vancouver has a three tier price for RPP zone vehicle decals of \$24, \$36, and \$48 per annum escalating in accordance with relative density and demand. While the low end \$24 per annum is consistent with covering administrative costs in Vancouver, we would recommend a charge of \$30 per permit per annum in Burnaby given that we do not have the scale economies of the Vancouver program.

While staff recommend that RPP Option 1 (ie. the in-vehicle decal system modelled on the Vancouver program) for implementation, we propose surveying the residents around Burnaby Hospital, who presently have RPO along their street, to determine their preference, to inform them of the proposed change, and to solicit their views.


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cc: City Manager