

CITY OF BURNABY

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TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

**SUBJECT: SUNSET STREET/BURNABY HOSPITAL
 PARKING METER HOURS OF OPERATION**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council approve extended parking hours of operation, as outlined in this report.

REPORT

The Traffic Safety Committee, at its meeting held on 2004 May 04, received and adopted the attached report seeking Council approval to adjust hours of operation for metered parking in the Sunset Street/Burnaby Hospital area.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor D. Evans
Chair

Councillor N. Volkow
Vice Chair

Councillor L. Rankin
Member

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 DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

TO: TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE **DATE:** 2004 04 26
FROM: ASST. DIRECTOR ENGINEERING,
TRAFFIC & ENGINEERING SYSTEMS **FILE:** 38100-03
SUBJECT: SUNSET STREET/BURNABY HOSPITAL
PARKING METER HOURS OF OPERATION
PURPOSE: To secure approval to adjust hours of operation for metered parking in the Sunset Street/Burnaby Hospital area.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** extended parking hours of operation as outlined in this report be approved.

REPORT

1.0 BACKGROUND

In 1999, Council approved the installation of parking meters outside the Metrotown core and allowed for provision of longer hours of operation (from 9am-8 pm, seven days a week) in locations where parking demand indicated longer hours are appropriate to encourage turnover of parking. The most recent staff review of parking schemes for effectiveness, and resident/business proprietor feedback, indicates a need to fine-tune hours of operation for parking meters in the Sunset Street / Burnaby Hospital area to match parking pressure from a mix of users: business residents, multi-family dwellings, Burnaby Hospital visitors and Hospital Staff.

2.0 3800 SUNSET STREET PARKING

We have received correspondence from a strata council representing business residents and medical offices on 3800 Sunset Street. They are requesting that hours of operation be expanded from Monday to Friday, to include Saturday. On Saturdays, the retail and medical operations are open and find that their patrons are unable to find parking due to hospital staff and visitors monopolizing the on-street parking spaces. They believe that extending the hours to Saturdays will alleviate the problem. We believe the extension should also include Sundays to discourage day-long parking from hospital staff and create further opportunities to park for hospital and residential visitors.

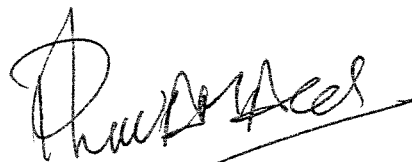
The Strata Council has also requested that we install more parking meters on Smith Avenue near Sunset Street to create more parking opportunities. Currently, Hospital staff appear to be parking day-long at the unrestricted parking spots on Smith Avenue. Staff have reviewed the area and believe that up to 15 metered spaces can be created.

3.0 BURNABY HOSPITAL

It is also appropriate to extend the hours of operation adjacent the Burnaby Hospital area to seven days a week from 9 a.m.- 8 p.m.. Bylaw officers have observed that heavy parking demand warrants the use of parking meters during these hours. Observations and resident input indicate that hospital staff utilize the on-street metered parking on weekends and after 6 pm to avoid paying for use of the hospital parking lot. Visiting hours last until 8 pm and this makes it difficult for visitors to the hospital to find convenient on-street parking. Some visitors, who cannot find a place to park, end up trying to park in resident only zones generating enforcement requests that are difficult to meet after hours and on weekends. Extended hours of operation would alleviate these concerns.

4.0 CONCLUSION

The proposed changes in hours of operation will maximize the appropriate use of on-street parking at the Burnaby Hospital. The cost of changes are minimal and readily implemented.



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