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SUBJECT **HOSPITAL AREA PARKING STRATEGY REPORT**

## **OVERVIEW**

### **Purpose of Report**

To present Council with the recommendations of the Hospital Area Parking Strategy Report for information purposes.

### **Recommendation**

That the report titled “Hospital Area Parking Strategy Report”, dated 2018-JUN-11, be received for information.

## **BACKGROUND**

The implementation section of the Nanaimo Transportation Master Plan (NTMP), adopted by Council in 2014, includes direction to conduct a study to review the ongoing parking issues in the hospital area.

The Official Community Plan (OCP), adopted by Council in 2008 supports creating an area plan for the Hospital Urban Node encompassing the Nanaimo Regional General Hospital. Council authorized Staff to develop a Hospital Area Plan. In an effort to undertake a holistic review of the neighbourhood, the parking strategy was included as part of the Area plan. The Parking Strategy and Hospital Area Plan shared a common preparation schedule and process.

### **Parking Strategy**

Coinciding with the development of the Hospital Area Plan, the City has developed a parking strategy (“Parking Strategy”) to manage on-street parking near the Nanaimo Regional General Hospital. The Hospital Area Plan and the Parking Strategy are separate documents with distinct objectives and implementation timelines. The Parking Strategy proposes management practices in the short and medium term to increase the availability of on-street parking within the hospital area streets while the Area Plan provides a long-term vision for the growth and development of the hospital area.

The attached Parking Strategy Report (Attachment A) is the product of a five-phase planning process (similar to the Hospital Area Plan). This included two public open house events and numerous meetings with local stakeholders, neighbours and inter-departmental City staff. The Parking Strategy is now in the final phase of the process, which includes presentation for information to Council.

## **DISCUSSION**

The Parking Strategy Report includes description of the data collection and surveys, guiding principles, a summary of public consultations, and parking management and implementation strategies. The implementation is comprised of two phases with monitoring and review after each phase.

### **Guiding Principles**

The report includes 5 guiding principles used to develop a balanced parking strategy with the goal of optimizing on street parking.

The guiding principles are:

1. Maximize Benefits For All Users
2. Fairness and Ongoing Customer Service
3. Ongoing Partnerships
4. A Balanced Transportation System
5. A Self-funded Parking System

A detailed description of the guiding principles are in the report.

### **Transportation Demand Management Strategies**

In addition to providing recommendations on parking management, the report also includes Transportation Demand Management Strategies targeted at reducing the overall need for vehicle parking within the Hospital Area. These include recommendations for improving transit, cycling, and pedestrian infrastructure and services to the hospital area.

### **Parking Management**

The intent of the Parking Strategy is to balance the short-term parking needs of visitors to the area and the long-term parking needs of residents and hospital area employees.

The Parking Strategy is focused on the management of on-street parking in the hospital area in the short and medium term beginning in 2019.

The Parking Strategy proposes four broad actions:

1. Implement actions to reduce personal vehicle usage such as enhanced transit, cycling, or pedestrian services, which will assist in reducing or redistributing the number of vehicle trips to the hospital area.
2. Implement pay parking and time-restricted parking on Dufferin Crescent and Boundary Avenue adjacent to the Nanaimo Regional General Hospital.
3. Introduce time-restricted parking in residential areas near the hospital, with exemption for residents who live within the restricted area from the parking time limits.
4. Leave on-street parking adjacent to vacant or underutilized institutional lands unrestricted.

## Implementation Phases

The Parking Strategy implementation steps are:

- Phase 1 - Implement parking restrictions as indicated in Figure 6.1 of the Report in 2019, with a follow up review to be conducted approximately 12 months later.
- Phase 2 - Implement additional parking restrictions as indicated in Figure 6.2 of the Report (if required) in 2021, with a follow up review to be conducted approximately 12 months later.
- Following completion of Phase 2, parking in the Hospital area will be managed similarly to all other parking within the City, with changes being made only as necessary.

The medium term (> 5 years)

It is suggested that the Parking Strategy be revisited and changes incorporated to reflect changes in land use and development in the Hospital Area.

## Financial

The report includes a financial analysis; however, a Business Case will be prepared for the financial requirements of the Parking Strategy implementation and will be put forward for consideration as part of the 2019-2023 Financial Planning Process.

## Public Consultation

Through the public consultation process, the Hospital Area Neighbourhood Association (HANA) representatives supported the Hospital Area Parking Strategy. At the March 20, 2018 Community Planning and Development Committee Meeting it was moved that the draft Hospital Parking Strategy be received for information.

### **SUMMARY POINTS**

- The Hospital Area Parking Strategy provides a plan to manage on street parking by facilitating short, medium, and long duration parking in appropriate areas within the neighbourhood.
- The development of the Parking Strategy included multiple public engagement sessions, which encouraged input from area residents and workers.
- The phased approach to the implementation plan allows for ongoing review to ensure that the changes are achieving the desired objectives.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

ATTACHMENT A – Hospital Parking Strategy Report

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