

NOTICE OF MOTION



Title of Motion: Removing Winter Overnight Parking Restrictions

Moved by: Cllr Rodrigo Goller

SUMMARY:

Each winter, Guelph restricts overnight, on-street parking from December to April. While this has historically been in place to allow for the safe operation of snow removal, Guelph Transit and emergency vehicles, new technology is now available which would allow the City to notify residents that they must move their vehicles in advance of snow events. The use of this new technology should allow us to do things differently and reduce a current burden on many Guelph residents.

By shifting from a blanket four month long overnight on-street parking restriction, to only restricting overnight on-street parking during snow-events, the City of Guelph could help those residents who rely on overnight on-street parking. Whereas previously the technology was not available to reliably notify residents of snow events, the City now uses 'App' based and text message notifications for emergencies and waste collection. This same technology can be used to notify the community of snow events, negating the need to restrict parking during an entire four month winter period.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That staff be directed to complete a review of the implications of permanently removing the blanket on-street parking restriction from December 1 to March 31, 2:00 AM to 6:00 AM and replacing it with a permissive system that uses notification software to let residents know when temporary parking restrictions are in effect. And that staff be directed to provide recommendations to Council in 2021 for potential implementation by December 1, 2021.

Date: August 12, 2020