



## **TOWN OF MINTO**

**DATE:** January 17, 2017

**REPORT TO:** Mayor and Council

**FROM:** Terry Kuipers, Chief Building Official

**SUBJECT:** Palmerston William Street 2 Hour Parking Limit

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### **STRATEGIC PLAN:**

Maintain and enhance infrastructure to protect public health and safety, prevent property damage, maintain a high quality of life, and effectively manage financial resources to ensure Minto is an attractive and viable community for family living and business investment.

### **BACKGROUND:**

As requested by Downtown Committees through the Economic Development Committee, on October 18, 2016, Council approved amendments to the Parking By-law, among other changes, to restrict parking on the main streets of the Urban centres and major side streets to a maximum of 2 hours. This change was due to persons parking in front of businesses for an extended period of time. Along with the amendment, Downtown Committees also asked that this by-law be enforced by By-Law Enforcement Staff in addition to the OPP.

Since being passed by Council, maximum 2 Hour parking signs, between the hours of 8am and 6pm, were installed on applicable streets including William Street, between Main Street West and Bell Street (both sides). The By-law Enforcement Officer has laid 6 parking infraction tickets on William Street from complaints staff has received.

### **COMMENTS:**

William Street in Palmerston contains Multi-Residential, Commercial and a combination of Multi-Res/Commercial developments, including 2 hair salons, a real estate office, Home Hardware, and a used item retail store.

Since the amendment has taken affect and enforcement proceeded as requested, a concern was expressed by a business where one of patron and two staff were issued parking tickets.

On January 11<sup>th</sup>, staff attended a Palmerston Downtown Revitalization Committee meeting to hear from this business as well as others, to see if there are any other concerns/issues with the amendment and to discuss a solution to any of the concerns.

The business impacted has certain personal service procedures that take upwards of 4 hours, and for other quicker procedures, the patrons are in a hurry to leave the business to avoid a potential ticket opposed to staying and possibly spending additional money. They indicated that prior to this by-law amendment, there were no parking concerns that they knew about on William Street.

Much discussion was held, with staff reminding the attendees that it was the businesses who requested this change, and with additional apartments being occupied in the area, removing the 2 hour parking limit on William Street only, could cause residential tenants to

occupy these on-street parking spaces. The Committee now recommends the 2 hour parking limit be removed from William Street (both sides), and if any parking concerns arise (after winter months overnight on street parking prohibition is lifted April 1) the business owners will speak directly to By-law staff.

*Area where 2 hour parking limit now proposed for removal*



This recommendation was brought forward to the Economic Development Committee on January 12<sup>th</sup>, who supported the recommendation and passed a motion for staff to bring a report forward to Council (in an effort to save time with implementing the amendment if approved). Staff has no concerns with removing the parking limitation on William Street at this time, but did express the concern that Council and the OPP may have issues with repeated amendments if this creates other issues.

#### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

There is no cost involved with amending this by-law to remove the 2 hour parking signs with the exception of staff time, and Public Works staff can reuse these signs for replacements where the time limitation remains.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Council of the Town of Minto receives the Chief Building Official's report dated January 17, 2017 to amend the Schedule 'I' to By-Law 5000-05 (the Parking By-law), and consider the by-law in open session to remove the 2 hour parking limit on William Street in Palmerston between Main Street West and Bell St.

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