

Subject:Palmerston Public School Parking/Snow & Ice Removal

Date: Wed, 18 Jan 2017 12:00:25 -0500

From: Kristine & Andy [REDACTED]

To: jeanurse1@gmail.com

Good Morning Jean,

I would like Town Council to look into the following issues.

1. The 10 min parking bylaw in front on the Palmerston Public School.

Staff and or volunteers parking all day in this area, when they should be parking in Palmerson Missionary Church parking lot as instructed by UGDSB. Also why the signs in this area are only 10 min between 2pm-4pm. It really should be like this, 10 min parking 8am-10am and 2pm-4pm. The morning drop off needs to be subject to the 10 min rule too.

2. If parents are being kicked off the street because of the bye law and directed to the Palmerston Missionary Church parking lot, then that lot needs to be looked after (Snow & Ice removal) I sent you pictures of that. Also every time school busses are cancelled, the town is not looking after the side walks in the area (Snow & Ice) These are facts. Remember kids and parents still walk to and from school.

3. According to UGDSB only their staff are to (Park) in the Palmerston Missionary Parking Lot. As I made some phone calls to UGDSB in Guelph on this issue. Parents are only to drop children off there. Then children are to walk to Palmerson Public School from there. Children

some as young as 4 years old walking on their own (YA RIGHT) Well at 3:15 when school is out the younger kids need to physically have a parent or guardian present in front of a teacher in order to leave for home. Safety first.

Andrew Lang



TOWN OF MINTO

DATE: February 10, 2015
REPORT TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Terry Kuipers and Mike McIsaac
SUBJECT: BD 2015-02 – Prospect Street Parking Issues

STRATEGIC PLAN:

6.8 Implement planning standards for healthy community development including such tools as physical activity plans, walkable communities, remediation of contaminated sites, active transportation and similar.

9.13 Implement short form wording and streamline by-law enforcement practices where possible to efficiently allocate resources to minor offences, and continue enforcing by-laws based on complaints keeping in mind available resources.

BACKGROUND:

Council received a letter regarding vehicles parking and congestion on both sides of Prospect Street, between York and Toronto during school days at arrival before class and after school during pick up. Several concerns were identified during these periods:

1. congestion creates only one lane of through traffic;
2. school buses cannot access loading areas;
3. emergency vehicles cannot access through the street
4. children cross the street between cars which is unsafe.

These issues are caused when parents/guardians off school children using the closest and most convenient parking drop off or pick up children from the school.



Prospect Street has a 1.2 metre wide sidewalk at road level with no curb on the north side from Toronto Street to York Street (see above). The sidewalk is on the opposite side of the school, but the boulevard is paved to allow street parking. On the south side of Prospect there is a 1.2 metre sidewalk offset from the curb from York to the School. In front of the

school there is a curb faced sidewalk, but there is no sidewalk on the south side from the playgrounds all the way to Toronto Street (see below).



Looking at these shots from Google it is clear how through traffic could be easily blocked if vehicles stop on both sides, and how the sidewalk on the north side could be unsafe with kids crossing between cars or if vehicles encroach on to the walkway. The situation has not changed a great deal over the years except for some new home construction on the north side, but staff agrees improvements should be considered to increase safety.

COMMENTS:

Staff met with the Principal and Vice-Principal of the Palmerston Public School to discuss the concerns in an effort to get their perspective of the parking situation. Staff also measured the asphalt width on the street to see if it is sufficient for parking on one side, both sides or not at all. Part of the street is wide enough for parking on one side.

School staff was very aware of the parking issues, and voiced the same concerns that the letter to Council contained and the ones Town staff had raised. Based on our review and internal discussions the following recommendations are brought forward for consideration:

- Amend the parking by-law to prevent stopping or parking of motor vehicles along the southerly side of Prospect St between York and Toronto Streets, excluding buses within the current Bus Loading Zone;
- Amend the parking by-law to prevent stopping or parking of motor vehicles along the northerly side of Prospect Street, from the corner of York Street, 90m to the east and from Toronto Street, 100m to the west;
- Upon an agreement being reached between the Upper Grand District School Board and the Palmerston Missionary Church to allow over-flow parking from the school onto the church's parking lot, the Town will construct 125m of 1.5 m wide sidewalk from the current crosswalk at the school, along the southerly side of Prospect Street to Palmerston Missionary Church's parking lot.

With these recommendations being implemented, the congestion will be addressed along this section of Prospect Street. With the participation of the Church and the new sidewalk, parents/guardians have a place to park (versus them relocating to an adjacent street, causing the same issues there).



If approved, staff will need to work with the parties involved to ensure the transition of parking location is as seamless as possible. Changes to the parking by-law will need to be approved by Council, and an agreement needs to be negotiated between the School Board and Church to allow public parking. It is suggested this work occur during this school year with the sidewalk finished during the summer so the new system is in place for the next school year. It is suggested the Town work through the school to communicate the proposed changes to parents/guardians.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

To implement the recommendations, it will cost approximately \$1000.00 for the 13 new "No Parking" signs and posts, and \$20,000.00 for the 125m of sidewalk.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council accepts the Chief Building Official and Road Foreman's report BD 2015-02 of February 10th regarding Prospect Street Parking issues and approves the following:

- Amend the parking by-law to prohibit parking on the south side of Prospect Street between York and Toronto Street, excluding the buses in the current Bus Loading Zone;
- Amend the parking by-law to prohibit parking on the north side of Prospect Street, from the corner of York Street, 90m to the east and from Toronto Street, 100m to the west;
- Upon agreement between the Upper Grand District School Board and the Palmerston Missionary Church to allow temporary parking from the school on the church's parking lot, the Town constructs 125m of sidewalk from the current crosswalk at the school, along the south side of Prospect Street to Palmerston Missionary Church's parking lot.

Terry Kuipers, C.B.C.O
Chief Building Official

Mike McIsaac
Roads Foreman

Excerpt from February 17, 2015 Council Minutes

MOTION: COW-054-15

Moved by: J. Anderson; Seconded by: J. Dirksen

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Carried