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Deferral - Angle Parking in Cul-de-sacs

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Administration requests to defer the update of the Angle Parking in Cul-de-sacs report (TT2017-0594) to the 2018 May session of the SPC on Transportation and Transit due to the number of reports scheduled for the 2018 March meeting. This will better balance the agenda, allowing for a more wholesome discussion of the recommendations at both the March and May committee meetings.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

That the SPC on Transportation and Transit recommends that Council defer the report on Angle Parking in Cul-de-sacs and report back to the SPC on Transportation and Transit by 2018 May 3.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE SPC ON TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSIT, DATED 2018 MARCH 08:

That the Administration Recommendation contained in Report TT2018-0225 be approved.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

On 2017 February 6, Council supported a Notice of Motion (NM2017-03) on Angle Parking in Cul-De-Sacs (Attachment 1) that directed Administration to develop a process that would allow for residents to angle park in cul-de-sacs where that activity is permitted from an operational standpoint. The process would also include cost recovery mechanisms and application guidelines, and Administration would make more information available for citizens about parking in cul-de-sacs. Administration was also directed to investigate if relaxations could be applied to the minimum width of a cul-de-sac to allow for more locations to be compliant for angle parking.

On 2017 July 19, the SPC on Transportation and Transit received the report on Angle Parking in Cul-de-sacs (TT2017-0594), which recommended a criteria be established that would limit angle parking permissions to cul-de-sacs that had a minimum radius of 15 metres. This is the same criteria adopted by the City of Edmonton, based on standards set by the Transportation Association of Canada to accommodate the 10.5 metre turning movement of a typical delivery or waste management truck. However, the Committee amended the recommendation to refer the report back to Administration to explore further options, and the associated processes, that would allow for more residents to angle park in cul-de-sacs, and report back to Council through the SPC on Transportation and Transit no later than 2018 Q1.

BACKGROUND

A cul-de-sac is designed to not have through traffic with a rounded end to allow for vehicles to turn around in. The design ensures that larger vehicles that provide emergency response, municipal services and personal delivery have ease of access to the homes and buildings surrounding the cul-de-sac. Cul-de-sacs are common in Calgary, with approximately 2500 across the city.

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Most parking rules in Calgary are contained in the Parking Bylaw (41M2002), and come directly from the Use of Highway and Rules of the Road Regulations (304/2002) of the Alberta Traffic Safety Act. These rules state that unless an official traffic sign has been installed that allows angle parking, motorists must parallel park when on the street.

However, residents often choose to park 'nose-in' to the curb as a matter of convenience. This has resulted in the issuance of parking tickets to some residents, where a parking complaint had been registered with the Calgary Parking Authority (CPA).

INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

The forthcoming report will include comparisons to other municipalities in North America, and an analysis of the relevant parking and access standards that were considered in the development of the recommendations.

Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication

The Calgary Parking Authority, Calgary Waste and Recycling, Law and Calgary Fire were engaged, and contributed to the development of the recommendations in the forthcoming report.

Strategic Alignment

This will be detailed in the forthcoming report.

Social, Environmental, Economic (External)

These will be detailed in the forthcoming report.

Financial Capacity

There are no current or future impacts to Operating budgets or Capital budgets with this deferral request.

Risk Assessment

There are no known risks from this deferral request.

REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):

The 2018 March session of the SPC on Transportation and Transit had five reports scheduled to be presented, including updates on the Green Line and Calgary Transit's Park and Ride program, as well as recommendations regarding parking and transit at the Genesis Centre. Administration is requesting the deferral of the Angle Parking in Cul-de-sacs report from the 2018 March session to better balance the agenda, allowing for a more wholesome discussion of the recommendations at both the March and May committee meetings.

ATTACHMENT(S)

None