

EXPANSION OF RESIDENTIAL PARKING ZONE NN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is intended to expand the existing Residential Parking Zone “NN” in the community of Bowness. The request for this expansion was initiated by residents that reside near the park entrance and have been directly impacted by visitor parking. An open house was organized and the majority of homeowners believe that expanding the existing residential parking zone would help address on street parking issues.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the SPC on Transportation and Transit recommends that Council:

1. Approve the expansion of the existing Residential Parking Zone “NN” (Attachment 3); and
2. Give three readings to the proposed bylaw to amend Calgary Traffic Bylaw 26M96 in regards to Residential Parking Zone “NN” (Attachment 4).

RECOMMENDATION OF THE SPC ON TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSIT, DATED 2017 MAY 17:

That Council:

1. Approve the expansion of the existing Residential Parking Zone “NN” (Attachment 3); and
2. Give three readings to proposed **Bylaw 29M2017** to amend Calgary Traffic Bylaw 26M96 in regards to Residential Parking Zone “NN” (Attachment 4).

Oppositions to Recommendations:

Opposed: S. Keating, B. Pincott

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

The Residential Parking Zone system is used to address parking issues adjacent to high parking generators such as shopping malls, hospitals, educational institutions, LRT stations, and recreational parks.

BACKGROUND

Residential parking zones are an effective parking management tool in areas adjacent to amenities that generate parking demand. Since the inception of the Residential Parking Zone Program, Council has established over 80 residential parking zones. These residential parking zones are identified in the Calgary Traffic Bylaw 26M96.

Creation of a residential parking zone does not in itself alter parking restrictions in an area. Once a zone is established, residents may then apply for parking restrictions on individual street blocks by submitting a petition request to the Roads Traffic Division via 311. Petitions are deemed successful and parking restrictions are implemented on a block by block basis if a minimum of 80% of the immediately adjacent residents agree to them. Implementation requires installation of parking restriction signs and issuing permits to the adjacent residents.

Approval(s): Logan, Malcolm concurs with this report. Author: Huynh, Minh
City Clerk's: M. Cario

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Residential parking zones typically extend a minimum of 600 metres from identified parking generators when physical barriers are not present. This distance is identified as the typical comfortable walking distance in Calgary's Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Guidelines, and is used in both TOD and other areas in establishing residential parking zones.

INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

Based on the completed feedback forms collected at the open house, the majority (60%) of homeowners supported undertaking a residential parking zone extension. This is below the 80% threshold to implement which will be required at the next stage of the process. The opportunity for initiating parking restrictions, (i.e. 2hr, parking by permit only) ultimately resides with the homeowners. The residents on individual streets will need to determine the intended restrictions on their particular street which requires a majority of property owner approval.

The proposed expansion of Zone "NN" was established using community boundaries, other zone boundaries and physical barriers such as high volume roads. Aligning the parking zone with these features, where feasible, can help make the zone boundaries easier for residents to recognize. The wider zone facilitates the future implementation of other zones over a broader area should the need arise.

Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication

Several citizens contacted the Ward 1 Office to express concerns regarding on street parking caused by visitors of Bowness Park. Administration reviewed their concerns and organized an open house on January 30 to obtain feedback from residents directly impacted by visitor parking of Bowness Park. A map showing the existing boundary of Residential Parking Zone "NN" was displayed, as well the proposed expansion zone to include the concerned area (Attachment 1 & 3). Attendees were encouraged to complete a feedback form outlining their preference whether to support the expansion of the residential parking zone. Based on 68 comment forms filled out, 40 are in favour of the zone extension, while 26 are not in favour.

Strategic Alignment

The recommendations in this report align with the Triple Bottom Line Policy Framework and Calgary Transportation Plan (CTP). Relevant CTP policies include improving quality of life for community residents and encouraging use of active transportation modes and transit.

Social, Environmental, Economic (External)

Residential Parking Zone "NN" will contribute to the quality of life in the community of Bowness by helping to ensure that on-street parking is available to area residents and their visitors. Restricting non-residential parking in neighbourhoods adjacent to high parking generators can help reduce greenhouse gas emissions by encouraging alternatives to single occupancy vehicle travel such as walking, cycling and transit.

Financial Capacity

Current and Future Operating Budget:

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Roads operational expenditures associated with residential parking zones are nominal and are accounted for in current operating budgets. This includes the costs associated with processing residential parking permit petitions as well as signage installation and maintenance. Other costs associated with establishing residential parking zones are paid for by CPA including permit administration and enforcement.

Current and Future Capital Budget:

There are no anticipated impacts to the Capital Budget resulting from this report.

Risk Assessment

Restricting parking on public road rights of way introduces requirements for residents to obtain parking permits for their vehicles if they use the roadway to park. A parking zone will also trigger the requirement to register visitor's vehicles parked on the street. Restricting the use of public road rights of way to park and visit public space discourages Calgarians from exploring other recreational opportunities across our city. It may also increase the demand to provide parking on park land thereby increasing costs and decreasing park space.

REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):

Expansion of Residential Parking Zone "NN" is recommended to address community concerns about parking issues.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Existing Residential Parking Zone "NN"
2. Existing Parking Restrictions in Zone "NN"
3. Proposed Expansion of Residential Parking Zone "NN"
4. **Proposed Bylaw 29M2017**