

ESTABLISHMENT OF RESIDENTIAL PARKING ZONE QRP

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is intended to establish Residential Parking Zone “QRP” in the community of Quarry Park. The request for this zone was initiated by residents of Quarry Park Boulevard and it is required to address parking issues associated with commercial development at and surrounding the central business plaza. The parking study confirmed that a Residential Parking Zone is warranted in this area.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the SPC on Transportation and Transit recommends that Council:

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

RECOMMENDATION OF THE SPC ON TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSIT, DATED 2016 NOVEMBER 09:

That Council:

1. Approve Administration Recommendation 1 contained in Report TT2016-0891; and
2. Give three readings to **Proposed Bylaw 52M2016** to amend the Calgary Traffic Bylaw 26M96.

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 and LRT stations.

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 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.

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.

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INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

Local residents would like a residential parking zone established to manage on-street parking concerns associated with nearby commercial businesses adjacent to Quarry Park Boulevard. In order for a residential parking zone to be warranted, a parking study must be completed or a parking generator must exist in the area. The parking study area included 5 locations along 3 streets: Quarry Park Way, Quarry Park Boulevard and Quarry Drive SE (Attachment 3). 85% of the allowable curbside parking was consistently occupied over the 2 week observation period. This level of parking use does warrant the creation of a residential parking zone.

The proposed zone “QRP” 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 nearby communities were consulted throughout the study and the residential parking zone creation process.

Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication

Residents of Quarry Park initiated discussions with the Ward 12 Office for establishing Residential Parking Zone “QRP”. The affected community association has indicated support for this parking zone. Local businesses will receive mail notices indicating the creation of this zone.

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 “QRP” will contribute to the quality of life in the Quarry Park 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:

Roads operational expenditures associated with residential parking zones are nominal and are accounted for in current operating budgets. They consist of 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.

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Risk Assessment

If Residential Parking Zone “QRP” is not established, residents and their visitors may have difficulty parking near their homes as the businesses and commercial area continue to grow.

REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):

Establishment of Residential Parking Zone “QRP” is recommended to address community concerns about potential parking issues.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Proposed Residential Parking Zone “QRP”
2. **Proposed Bylaw 52M2016**
3. Field Observation