

Region of Waterloo
Transportation Services
Transportation

To: Sustainability, Infrastructure, and Development Committee
Meeting Date: December 3, 2024
Report Title: Proposed Loading Zones on Weber Street and Duke Street, in the City of Kitchener

1. Recommendation

That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo amend Traffic and Parking By-law 16-023, as amended to:

- a) Remove from Schedule 2, Limited Parking, on Duke Street (Regional Road 63) from 18 m South of Water Street to 38 m North of College Street, West Side, 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight;
- b) Add to Schedule 2, Limited Parking, on Duke Street (Regional Road 63) from 18 m South of Water Street to 44 m South of Water Street, West Side, 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight;
- c) Add to Schedule 2, Limited Parking, on Duke Street (Regional Road 63) from 56 m South of Water Street to 38 m North of College Street, West Side, 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight;
- d) Add to Schedule 5, Loading Zones, on Duke Street (Regional Road 63) from 44 m south of Water Street to 56 m south of Water Street, West Side;
- e) Remove from Schedule 20, School Bus Loading Zones, on Weber Street East (Regional Road 8) from 65 m south of Jackson Avenue to 115 m south of Jackson Avenue, East Side; and
- f) Add to Schedule 20, School Bus Loading Zones, on Weber Street East (Regional Road 8) from 65 m south of Jackson Avenue to 140 m south of Jackson Avenue, East Side

as outlined in report TSD-TRP-24-017, dated December 3, 2024.

2. Purpose / Issue:

This report provides a summary and recommendations on the proposed on-street loading zones along Duke Street between Water Street and College Street and on

Weber Street fronting Eastwood Collegiate School, in the City of Kitchener.

3. Strategic Plan:

The recommendations in this report align with the Region's 2023-2027 Growing with Care Strategic Plan under the following key area:

- Equitable Services and Opportunities:
 - Ensures that regional services are designed to meet the diverse needs of all communities, promoting fairness and inclusivity.

4. Report Highlights:

- Through a review initiated by a request from the local community, staff recommends converting two on-street parking spaces into a new 12-metre Commercial Loading Zone on Duke Street West (Regional Road 63) between Water Street and College Street which will help facilitate general loading and unloading activities for The Church of St. John the Evangelist.
- Through consultation with Student Transportation Services Waterloo Region (STSWR), staff are recommending an extension of the current School Bus Loading Zone from 50 m to 75 m on the east side of Weber Street East (Regional Road 8). This extension would accommodate 6 school buses (an increase from the current 4 school buses) within the Loading Zone is signed for in front of Eastwood Collegiate Institute.

5. Background:

In early 2024, representatives from the St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church requested for Regional staff to investigate the feasibility of implementing a Commercial Loading Zone on Duke Street West (Regional Road 63) to accommodate various operational functions that involve loading and unloading off Duke Street. Based on review, staff have no concerns providing for a Loading Zone on Duke Street fronting the St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church. The location provides an existing inlet bay that currently accommodates limited parking. Converting 12 m of the limited parking area to a Commercial Loading will accommodate the Church's requirements, while still providing some parking east and west of the Commercial Loading Zone along Duke Street West.

Separately, regional staff were approached by Student Transportation Services Waterloo Region (STSWR) to investigate the feasibility of increasing the length of the existing School Bus Loading Zone on Weber Street East fronting Eastwood Collegiate Institute. The existing length of the School Bus Loading Zone currently accommodates space for four school buses to load and unload students. Student Transportation

Services have requested additional length to accommodate up to six school buses for the purpose of loading and unloading students.

Based on staff's review there are no concerns extending the current School Bus Loading Zone approximately 25 m to the south of its existing location to accommodate 6 school buses.

Appendix A provides figures showing the existing and proposed on-street loading zones along the specified sections of Duke Street West and Weber Street East.

6. Communication and Engagement with Area Municipalities and the Public

Following a Regional staff inquiry, staff from the City of Kitchener has confirmed that there are no concerns with the proposed changes.

7. Financial Implications:

The cost to extend the School Bus Loading Zone along Weber Street by removing existing signage and installing new signs would be approximately \$1,000.

The cost to add a Loading Zone along Duke Street would also be minimal. The cost to remove and install new signs would be approximately \$1,500.

The Region's approved 2024-2033 Transportation Capital Program includes a budget of \$30,000 in 2024 New Signs and Markings (Project # 07607) to be funded from the Transportation Capital Reserve. There is sufficient budget available to fund these expenses.

8. Conclusion / Next Steps:

Should the recommendations be approved by Council, staff would work to conduct the implementation of the loading zones as soon as possible in early 2025.

Attachments:

Appendix A: Loading Zones on Duke Street West and Weber Street East

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