

Region of Waterloo

Transportation Services

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To: Sustainability, Infrastructure, and Development Committee

Meeting Date: August 13, 2024

Report Title: Proposed Parking Prohibition near 1974 Snyder's Road East

1. Recommendation

That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo amend the Traffic and Parking By-law 16-023, as amended, to add to Schedule 1 (No Parking), No Parking Anytime on both sides of Snyder's Road East (Regional Road 6) from 1.2 km east of Notre Dame Road (Regional Road 12) to 1.8 km west of Trussler Road, in the Township of Wilmot as outlined in Report TSD-TRP-24-011, dated August 13, 2024.

2. Purpose / Issue:

The purpose of this report is to provide the rationale and recommendations for the proposed parking restriction (all times of the day) on both sides of Snyder's Road East (Regional Road 6) from 1.2 km east of Notre Dame Road (Regional Road 12) to 1.8 km west of Trussler Road.

3. Strategic Plan:

The recommendations of this report are aligned with the Region's 2023-2027 Strategic Plan (Growing with Care) in the following key area:

- Equitable Services and Opportunities:
 - Design equitable regional services that meet local community needs.

4. Report Highlights:

- Regional staff received a request to review the parking conditions on Snyder's Road East due to observations of parking along both shoulders by users of Petersburg Regional Forest, which is the location of the Hydrocut Trails.
- Parked vehicles along Snyder's Road can cause poor sightlines for all users of this section of Snyder's Road that has an 80 km/h posted speed limit.
- Additionally, parking along the shoulders of Snyder's Road creates unsafe

risk for members of the public who, while parked along Snyder's Road, may be accessing bicycles and equipment along the edge of the roadway, and attempting to cross Snyder's Road to access the Hydrocut Trails.

- Due to the known safety risks and the observed parking activity along this portion of Snyder's Road, staff recommends a parking restriction extending approximately 300 meters in each direction from the access at 1974 Snyder's Road East, for a total length of approximately 600 meters.
- Regional staff are currently evaluating additional measures that can be taken to resolve parking concerns and ensure that public safety is protected.

5. Background:

Currently, there is a Regionally-owned parking lot which serves the Hydrocut Trails off Snyder's Road. As the popularity of the Hydrocut Trails has increased over the years and the parking lot occasionally reaches capacity during peak times, the knock-on effect has been the increase in on-street parking along both shoulders of Snyder's Road, near the private access.

Staff have assessed the concerns associated to this overflow on-street parking activity along Snyder's Road East. Due to safety concerns, Regional staff propose, as an initial step; "No Parking" restriction on both sides of Snyder's Road from 1.2 km east of Notre Dame Road to 1.8 km west of Trussler Road. An aerial map of the proposed parking restriction near 1974 Snyder's Road is provided in Appendix A. This parking restriction may be supplemented by further measures to ensure public safety near this Hydrocut Trails access point. Staff are currently exploring further options to address the community needs and provide safe access to this local cycling amenity.

6. Communication and Engagement with Area Municipalities and the Public

Area Municipalities: Regional staff have shared the recommendations of this report with colleagues at the Township of Wilmot.

Public: Nil.

7. Financial Implications:

The cost to install the necessary signage to implement a No Parking Anytime restriction along both sides of Snyder's Road East is approximately \$1,500 and will be funded from the Transportation Operations budget.

8. Conclusion / Next Steps:

Based on review, staff recommends a No Parking Anytime restriction on both sides of Snyder's Road East from 1.2 km east of Notre Dame Road to 1.8 km west of Trussler

Road. If endorsed by Council, staff will work to complete the signage changes in the field as soon as possible after the Traffic & Parking By-law is formally amended.

9. Attachments:

Appendix A: Aerial View of Proposed On-street Parking Restrictions near 1974 Snyder's Road

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