



Committee of the Whole Report

Report Number: ML2021-003

Meeting Date: March 9, 2021

Title: Parking Meters - Bobcaygeon

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Recommendation(s):

That Report ML2020-003, Parking Meters - Bobcaygeon, be received;

That staff be directed to notify area stakeholders of the City's intent to remove existing on-street parking meters in Bobcaygeon effective May of 2021;

That staff report back to Council at the May 4, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting, including a summary of any stakeholder feedback, regarding meter removals; and

That this recommendation be brought forward to Council at the next regular Council meeting.

Department Head: _____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other: _____

Chief Administrative Officer: _____

Background:

In 2015, staff reported to Council regarding parking meters in Lindsay. At the time, Lindsay had parking meters for individual parking spots located in the Lindsay Downtown core area. A parking study was completed and recommendations brought to Council. The report was received and staff were directed to develop a no-charge parking system for downtown Lindsay. The on-street paid parking meters in Lindsay were subsequently removed. Bobcaygeon is the last location in the City of Kawartha Lakes that has parking meters.

As a result, in 2015, parking enforcement services changed operations to monitor/control timed parking and complaint response. These processes are currently applied to all communities in the City of Kawartha Lakes.

Rationale:

In Bobcaygeon, the downtown core area is a mix of free timed parking (in municipal lots and on the streets) and parking meters. Currently, Bobcaygeon has 9 meters located on the center islands adjacent to the locks and north towards the last bridge.



A standard for timed parking is common in many communities in the City of Kawartha Lakes and staff have changed equipment and processes to support a timed parking standard. As a result, timed parking and complaint response have become the standard to control the on street parking in the City of Kawartha Lakes, including Bobcaygeon.

The nine remaining meters in Bobcaygeon were purchased from J.J. Mackay in the early 2000's and have been in active service since. These meters are past their end of life, parts - internal components are obsolete and becoming difficult to acquire. Future repairs will require the purchase of new meters; the manufacturer has upgraded the electronics and changed the exterior case design for parking meters.

Staff in the Municipal Law Enforcement Division maintain the meters and have done so in the past a few times a year or when issues are reported. Meter revenue is generally less than \$1000 per year.

Options

Option One – Council direct Staff to notify the area stakeholders including the Chamber of Commerce of the intention to remove the meters in May 2021. Staff will allow 30 days for comments to be received and report to Council. Staff is proposing that the removal of the meters will result in a parking enforcement standard that is consistent across the municipality and costs associated with maintenance and coin collection will be eliminated. This option is recommended.

Option Two – Council may choose to direct staff to complete the immediate removal of the meters without formal notification to the impacted area residents, businesses and the Chamber of Commerce. This option will allow staff to proceed with coordinating the immediate removal of the meters with Public Works.

Option Three – Council could direct staff to maintain on-street parking meters in Bobcaygeon. This option is not recommended as this approach is not consistent with all other parking in the City, and does not achieve better parking enforcement.

Other Alternatives Considered:

Staff considered replacement and repair of the existing meters. This revitalization would enhance the meters as part of the streetscape and provide a mechanical timing mechanism to control parking in this limited area. Repairing and replacement costs are estimated to be approximately \$1,000.00 per meter or \$9,000.00. A replacement RFP would need to be completed, which may generate additional contract costs, which are unknown at this time.

Alignment to Strategic Priorities

Providing this report to Council and information out to the public done so to align with the Guiding Principles of the 2020-2023 Kawartha Lakes Strategic Plan which are to be fiscally responsible and to be open and transparent.

A Vibrant and Growing Economy

1. Create an environment to attract business to Kawartha Lakes
 - Support downtown revitalization to ensure our communities have a strong core

Good Government

2. Increase efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery
 - Promote continuous improvement to Make It Better in all service areas

Financial/Operation Impacts:

Removal of the meters and installation of timed parking signs will cost approximately \$300.00 per unit or \$2,700.00. This one-time cost will include removal of the meter and post, patching of the hole in the sidewalk and installation of signs that indicate, "2 hrs timed parking area".

Consultations:

Public Works
Insurance Risk Management Coordinator

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