



TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON

REPORT

Item No.

REPORT TO: Reeve Vincent and Members of Council
PREPARED BY: Richard Al, Clerk / Manager of IT
DATE: 22/05/2018
SUBJECT: Traffic Enforcement – Highway 4 and County Road 25
ATTACHMENTS:

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby receive the report of the Clerk / Manager of IT, dated May 22, 2018 regarding Traffic Enforcement – Highway 4 and County Road 25 for information;

AND FURTHER, that Council directs the Clerk to prepare an amendment to the Traffic By-law, incorporating no parking zones along a portion of Queen Street and County Road 25 in Blyth.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to receive direction from Council regarding the establishment of additional no parking zones in Blyth. The proposed no parking zones would be located along the north side of County Road 25 as well as the east and west sides of Queen Street near the County Road 25 intersection. The intention is to address safety concerns that exist at the intersection of Highway 4 and County 25 south of Blyth.

DISCUSSION

On December 4, 2017 Council received a delegation from Huron County Engineer Steve Lund and CAO Meighan Wark, regarding traffic concerns at the intersection of Highway 4 and County Road 25 south of Blyth.

One particular concern expressed during the meeting as well as on occasions since that time, relates to vehicles parking along the sides of the road in close proximity to the intersection, resulting in safety concerns due to blocked sight lines. Huron County staff have investigated various options to mitigate concerns at the intersection, including ways to address vehicles parking along the road side.

North Huron and Huron County staff have been in frequent contact regarding this intersection, communicating ideas to address the concerns. Based on that communication, is it staff's recommendation that the North Huron Traffic By-law be amended to incorporate the following no parking zones along Highway 4 and County Road 25.

- County Road 25 – 70m westerly from Highway 4, north side
- County Road 25 – 90m easterly from Highway 4, north side
- Highway 4 – 150m northerly from County Road 25, east and west side

Due to the fact that this intersection is located on a municipal border, the no parking zones required to the south of County Road 25 must be established by the Municipality of Central Huron. Likewise,

enforcement of the no parking zones south of County Road 25 would be the responsibility of Central Huron.

The following is a map displaying the proposed no parking zones in both North Huron, as well as those being considered in Central Huron. As shown in the photo, the yellow areas are proposed as no parking zones. It should be noted that the mark in red (located in front of Tim Horton's) was approved as a parking spot for transports through Site Plan approval when that property was developed and as such would remain as a designated parking spot.



Huron County staff have contacted business owners in the vicinity of this intersection to communicate the proposed change in an effort to ensure that they are aware as well as gain their support. Thus far the owners of Tim Horton's, Cowbell, and Huron Tractor have all expressed support for the establishment of no parking zones as proposed. Huron County staff has also reached out to the Municipality of Central Huron seeking support for the proposed no parking zones on the south side of County Road 25 and along the east and west sides of Highway 4, south of County road 25. At the time of writing this report, Central Huron's response was unknown.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There would be a cost in terms of staff time to enforce the no parking zone. As by-law enforcement is typically based on a complaint driven process it would be difficult to estimate how many complaints may be received for enforcement and similarly difficult then to estimate an associated cost.

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

Huron County staff continue to monitor the intersection and investigate options such as 'enhanced stop signs' and 'enhanced stop-ahead signs' which feature LED flashing lights around the perimeter of the sign to enhance visibility over the flashing beacons that are currently installed. County staff have indicated that these signs will be installed at the intersection in the near future.

Should Council support the establishment of no parking zones as proposed, a revised Traffic By-law to incorporate these changes could be prepared for the June 4, 2018 Council Meeting.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Goal #3 – Our community is healthy and safe.



Richard Al, Clerk / Manager of IT



Dwayne Evans, CAO