18. TUAM STREET - CHANGE TO PARKING METER OPERATING PERIOD TO INCLUDE SATURDAYS 9.00AM - 1.00PM

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's recommendation to the Council to extend the operating period of the parking meters in the section of Tuam Street between Colombo and Durham Streets to include the Saturday normal trading period (9.00am to 1.00pm). Refer attachment 1).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. There are 40 metered car parking spaces located on Tuam Street immediately between Colombo and Durham Streets. The current operating period is inconsistent with other predominantly retail areas in the central city controlled by metered parking.

3. The section of Tuam Street between Colombo and Durham Streets where the existing metered restrictions apply between 9.00am to 5.00pm Monday through Thursday and 9.00am to 8.30pm Friday service retail and retail service activities in the immediate area. An extension to the period where the meters are operative to include Saturdays 9.00am to 1.00pm will allow for improved management of the parking to better reflect the periods of actual parking demand.

4. The property owners and occupiers of those premises directly affected by the change have been informed and were asked to comment on the proposal. Of those who chose to respond, approximately 83% supported the proposal.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

5. **Cost**

   The costs of the changes are within existing budgets.

   Legal

   The Land Transport Rules provide for the installation of parking restrictions and parking meters.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board recommend to the Council that the existing parking meter controlled spaces in Tuam Street between Colombo and Durham Streets be operative 9.00am to 5.00pm Monday through Thursday, 9.00am to 8.30pm Friday and 9.00am to 1.00pm Saturday.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.