

13. WORCESTER STREET - PROPOSED 10 MINUTE PARKING RESTRICTION

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Board to install a 10 minute parking restriction covering two parking spaces on Worcester Street outside the Disabled Persons Centre (refer attached).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Disabled Persons Centre is located at 314 Worcester Street on the south side of the road 180 metres east of Fitzgerald Avenue. There is currently no on-street parking restrictions adjacent or near the centre except for a marked bus stop outside the neighbouring property to the east. All day kerb side commuter parking is currently occurring outside the centre. The centre provides off street disable, staff and visitor parking on their site but space is limited.
3. The Disabled Persons Centre Manager has expressed concern over the availability of on-street drop off and pick up facilities at the centre. With the current kerb side parking no opportunity exists for this purpose. The drop off and pick up activities are taking place over the centres driveway which becomes blocked for other visitors and staff access at these times. This situation is not ideal.
4. The manager of the centre has requested that the Council install a short term parking restriction for two vehicles outside the centre. The request is that the restriction would be installed immediately to the west of the centre's driveway, this to allow for vehicles to run into the area with ease. A time restricted area of 10 minutes is proposed for this location. This will enable all types of vehicles to use the area for drop off and pick up activities. It could be said that a loading zone is the appropriate type of restriction. Recently loading zones have been rationalized with the central city and are now for Goods Vehicles Only, hence any new loading zones within the city will be Goods Vehicles Only. Other short term parking restrictions are now marked by a white box to advise motorists of the difference.
5. The only directly affected party is the centre and they are in full support of the proposed changes. The proposal will however remove two all day car parking spaces from Worcester Street at this location.
6. Both the Inner City East Neighbourhood Group (ICENG) and the Linwood Neighbourhood Committee have been advised of the request. Support has been received from the Inner City East Neighbourhood Group (ICENG). No correspondence has been received from the Linwood Neighbourhood Committee. The Disabled Persons Centre site is in the shared area of the two groups.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Cost

7. Installation of signs, posts and markings is within existing budgets.

Legal

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

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Board approves that:

- (a) That the parking of vehicles be limited to 10 minutes maximum on the south side of Worcester Street from a point 167 metres east of the Fitzgerald Avenue intersection and extending 13 metres in an easterly direction.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.