



# CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

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## Legislation Text

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### REQUEST FOR DECISION

**DATE:** January 16, 2019

Report No. EPW-19-002

**TO:** Laurie Hurst, Chief Administrative Officer

**FROM:** Jeff Miller, Director of Engineering and Public Works

**SUBJECT:**

Wordsley Street Residential Parking Only Petition

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council approves the implementation of Traffic Order 1297 "Residential Parking Only" along Wordsley Street, as set out in Staff Report EPW-19-002.

**RELEVANT POLICY:**

Streets and Traffic Regulation Bylaw, 2017, No 2898

**STRATEGIC RELEVANCE:**

Healthy and Liveable Community - Ensure Multi-modal Traffic Strategies consider and reflect business and residential growth and development

**BACKGROUND:**

Wordsley Street is off of Lampson Street and provides access to 12 single family properties along with 3 multi-family properties. These properties are located at the west end of the road and the multi-family properties are located at the east end.

Earlier in 2018, a residential only parking petition came forward for Wordsley Street. While it had the support of the single family properties, there was a lack of support from the multi-family properties causing the petition to fail the first test.

The request was commenced due to the construction of a multi-family complex on Lampson Street. Construction workers made considerable use of Wordsley Street for parking during construction. This resulted in little or no 'on street' parking for Wordsley Street residents. The concern from the residents of the single family properties is that with the complex completed, this trend will be continued to be observed with residents from the complex utilizing Wordsley Street for additional

parking. See Attachment A for location map and Traffic Order.

## **ISSUES:**

### **1. Rationale for Selected Option**

Parking restrictions are governed by Council Policy E&PW-03 Township Guide to Parking Restrictions (Guide). See Attachment B for the Guide. In order for the restriction to be passed it has to meet two tests. These are:

- Test 1 - 90% of property owners that front onto the street are canvassed
- Test 2 - 80% of property owners that front onto the street are in favor and signed the petition

The initial petition did not meet these tests due to lack of participation by the multi-resident structures. The neighbourhood contact person has requested that the Township review the survey results except that this time only the single family residences were reviewed.

At this time the multi-family properties are not influencing the on street parking on Wordsley as there is sufficient parking within their properties. Given this fact and the influence the multi-family properties had on the petition process, staff concluded that a second petition that only covers the single family properties would provide a more appropriate view point on how the single family properties felt towards the proposed parking restriction. In December of 2018, the Township initiated a petition with the 12 single family properties that are fronting onto Wordsley Street. See Attachment C for the parking petition notice.

When this evaluation is done the results of the survey are:

- Number of properties canvassed : 12 of 12
- Test 1 - 90% of properties canvassed
- Number of properties signed the petition: 9 of 12
- Test 2 - 80% of properties signed the petition

As per the Guide, the petition meets both of the tests for a parking restriction to be implemented. The residents located in the multi-family developments that front onto Wordsley Street would also be defined as residents and could utilize the on street parking if they so choose.

The proposed new parking restriction would see residential only parking from the intersection of Wordsley Street and Lampson Street to the terminus of the road at the entrances to two multi-family developments. Signage will be installed as per Part IV, Division 1, Section 14 (q) of the Streets and Traffic Regulation Bylaw, 2017, No. 2898.

### **2. Organizational Implications**

The proposed Traffic Order would be prepared by Engineering and signed by the Corporate Officer and the Director of Engineering and Public Works. Public Works would then install the parking

restriction signage along the street. The Traffic Order would be added to Community Safety Services Department (Bylaw) patrol routes for enforcement. These activities would not impose any organizational implications.

### **3. Financial Implications**

The Traffic Order implementation and enforcement can be accommodated within the current operational budgets for the various departments that will be involved in the issuing of the Traffic Order.

### **4. Sustainability & Environmental Implications**

There are no sustainability or environmental implications to the Traffic Order.

### **5. Communication & Engagement**

Once approved, a notification of the Traffic Order would be posted on the Township's website and other social media forums. The lead resident would be informed that the petition was accepted and that the Traffic Order will be implemented. It is assumed that the lead individual will update the signers of the petition. After the signage has been installed, the users of on-street parking will be given a one week grace period before tickets will be issued.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

1. That Council approves the implementation of Traffic Order 1297 "Residential Parking Only" along Wordsley Street, as set out in Staff Report EPW-19-002.
2. That Council does not approve the implementation of Traffic Order 1297 "Residential Parking Only" along Wordsley Street, as set out in Staff Report EPW-19-002.