

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

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Legislation Text

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REQUEST FOR DECISION

DATE: September 27, 2017 Report No. EPW-17-048

TO: Laurie Hurst, Chief Administrative Officer

FROM: Jeff Miller, Director of Engineering and Public Works

SUBJECT:

Repeal of Traffic Orders in Parks

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve that Traffic Order Numbers 4, 14, 388, 407, 487, 488, 588, 811, 816, 830, 860, 880 and 1046 be rescinded.

RELEVANT POLICY:

Not applicable

STRATEGIC RELEVANCE:

Well Managed and Maintained Infrastructure - Identify infrastructure repair and proactively plan for replacement needs

BACKGROUND:

In order to impose a condition, parameter or restriction on a road corridor, the creation of a traffic order (TO) is the mechanism by which this is achieved. The condition, parameter or restriction is related to an aspect of the Streets and Traffic Regulation Bylaw, 2017, No. 2898 (S&T Bylaw). A review of enacted TOs has revealed that a number of them are issued within areas that are zoned Park. See Attachment 1. As these areas are not related to the S&T Bylaw, another mechanism for placing signage needs to be explored and the existing TOs should be rescinded.

ISSUES:

1. Rationale for Selected Option

The Parks and Recreation Regulation Bylaw, 2007, No. 2665, as amended (Parks Bylaw) provides the Director of Parks and Recreation the authority to place and control traffic control signage within Park zoned lands. This authority can be found in Section 3.3 of the Parks Bylaw as detailed below:

3.3 Signs

The Director may cause to be erected a sign or other device in any park or public place for the purpose of notifying persons of the regulations contained in this or any other bylaw.

Based on the age of the TOs, it has been assumed that the S&T Bylaw was utilized as a mechanism due to the Parks Bylaw not having the authority or the assumption that these roads form part of the road network. However both of these assumptions need to be corrected and control over the signage in Park zoned land be controlled by the correct bylaw. Staff is recommending that TOs 4, 14, 388, 407, 487, 488, 588, 811, 816, 830, 860, 880 and 1046 be rescinded. The current locations of the signage will be maintained and restrictions they represent will be also maintained.

2. Organizational Implications

There are no significant organizational implications to this change. At this time, Engineering and Public Works determine locations and maintenance of all the signage within the Township. This will continue to be the case. The main change will be the mechanism to which signage is maintained or added to the Park zoned lands. This will no longer require a TO but will be by the authority of the Parks Bylaw and with direction from the Director of Parks and Recreation.

3. Financial Implications

There are no financial implications to this change.

4. Sustainability & Environmental Implications

There are no sustainability or environmental implications.

5. Communication & Engagement

As this decision involves only changing the authority of one Bylaw to another Bylaw, internal communication between the departments is only required.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1. That Council approve that Traffic Order Numbers 4, 14, 388, 407, 487, 488, 588, 811, 816, 830, 860, 880 and 1046 be rescinded.
- 2. That Council does not approve that Traffic Order Numbers 4, 14, 388, 407, 487, 488, 588, 811, 816, 830, 860, 880 and 1046 be rescinded.