



STAFF REPORT

TO: CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
FROM: JAS SANDHU, SUPERINTENDENT, PUBLIC WORKS AND ENGINEERING SERVICES
SUBJECT: TRAFFIC AND UPTOWN PARKING PLAN AND IMPLEMENTATION FOR SUMMER-2026
MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 4TH, 2025

PURPOSE

To provide a review of the parking issues during the summer of 2025 and recommendations going forward.

BACKGROUND

In the summer of 2025, we implemented a no buses or delivery trucks rule in the Saywell Park parking lot. The new rules seemed to work well as we did not see large buses in the parking lot picking up or dropping off passengers. This improved the safety and ingress and egress for the parking lot. We created a drop-off bus and pick-up zone at the start of Point Ideal Road on the right-hand side. This worked well for the bus to pick up and drop off.

We need to work on improving the one- and two-hour parking zones along South Shore Road, we still have people, including shop owners, parking in the two parking zones for much longer. This approach reduces the availability of parking spaces for customers and contributes further to concerns regarding overall parking capacity and user experience.

We need to improve signage and enforcement.

In 2026 the Town should consider installing parking meters for Saywell park, Point Ideal Road and the gravel parking lot on Point Ideal Road.

IMPLICATIONS

- a. Financial:**
Cost of installing parking meters est. \$60,000.
- b. Policy/Legislation:**
Parking policy will need to be reviewed and updated or instituted.
- c. Strategic Priority:**
Parking meters and enforcement has been discussed as part of strategic planning.
- d. Sustainability:**
N/A
- e. Communication:**
Signage
- f. Staffing Implication:**
Enforcement

Option 1: Implement Parking Meters and Enhance Enforcement

THAT Council direct staff to proceed with the installation of parking meters in 2026, including improved signage and enforcement measures, for Saywell Park, Point Ideal Road, and the gravel parking lot on Point Ideal Road;

AND THAT staff include capital and operating requirements for this initiative in the 2026 budget process and bring forward any necessary amendments to bylaws, policies, or enforcement procedures.

Option 2: Status Quo – No Change

THAT Council maintain the existing parking configuration and management approach in Saywell Park, Point Ideal Road, and the gravel parking lot on Point Ideal Road, with no implementation of meters or changes to signage or enforcement at this time.

Additional resolution – Expand Parking Supply

THAT Council direct staff to review parking capacity Town-wide to identify opportunities to increase parking availability, including potential expansion of metered parking;

AND THAT staff report back with a proposed plan, including costs and funding options, for consideration as part of the 2026 budget process.

Recommendation

Staff is recommending option 1 and the additional resolution – Expand Parking Supply

Signed:

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