

Staff Report

Report Title: Boiler Beach Rd Parking Restrictions 2025Date: May. 5, 2025Report Number: PW-2025-26Department: Public WorksFile Number: C11 PW 25Prepared By: John Yungblut, Director of Public WorksAttachments: Draft Boiler Beach Rd Parking Map

Recommendation:

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report PW-2025-26 prepared by John Yungblut, Director of Public Works;

AND FURTHER approves an amendment to the Traffic and Parking By-Law to restrict parking at various locations along the west side of Boiler Beach Road

AND FURTHER authorizes the appropriate by-law come forward.

Background:

Boiler Beach Road has among the highest traffic volume in the Township during the summer months and it is also a popular route for cyclists and pedestrians. Currently, on street parking is prohibited on the east side of the road and there are no restrictions on the west side. In recent years, the number of vehicles that are unable to park along the west side without interfering with the path of travel has become an issue and could impact the safety of road users.

Starting in 2019, Township staff have been in the process of reviewing various design concepts that would provide adequate space for a multi-use path (MUP) which will provide better safety for pedestrians and cyclists. Unfortunately, it is becoming apparent that we lack enough useable space within the right-of-way to properly construct a MUP.

In order to provide a short-term improvement to the parking issue, Township staff have reviewed the available parking areas along the west side of Boiler Beach Road and have determined that there are seven sections that it is difficult to park a vehicle off the travelled lane. A map indicated the areas that warrant 'No Parking' zones is attached to this report.

Discussion/Analysis/Overview:

The sections that Township staff recommend posting as 'No Parking' along the west side are areas where it is unlikely that we will be able to trim back the vegetation to provide adequate space for vehicles to park of the roadway. This is either due to conflicts with tree trunks or slope down to the lake is too close to the edge of the road. The total length of 'No Parking' areas along the west side noted on the map will be approximately 1,950m and the length of permitted parking along the west side is approximately 1,700m.

If these recommendations are supported by Council, Township staff will begin installing 'No Parking' signs in early summer.

Township staff will also continue to monitor parking issues along Boiler Beach Road and determine if further amendments to the Traffic and Parking By-Law are warranted.

Financial Impacts:

The cost of installing signs and trimming vegetation, as needed will be funded by the 2025 Operating Budget.

Performance Measurement:

None at this time.

Strategic Area:

□Embrace a thriving rural lifestyle □Prepare for Inclusive Growth Enhance Municipal Service Delivery

□ Ensure Financial Stability

Strategic Goal: Strive for continuous improvement and increased efficiency

Respectfully Submitted By:

John Yungblut, Director of Public Works

Report Approved By:

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer