



Staff Report

Report Title: 12 Jessie Street Parking Request

Prepared By: John Yungblut

Department: Public Works

Date: Sep. 9, 2020

Report Number: PW-2020-09-60

File Number: P350 Reports

Attachments: 12 Jessie Street Letter of Appeal

Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby approves Report Number PW2020-08-52 prepared by John Yungblut, Director Public Works and in doing so, upholds the decision to restore the boulevard at 12 Jessie Street with a grass surface.

Background:

Township staff originally received a letter from one of the owners of 12 Jessie Street, in the community of Ripley, dated Aug. 13, 2020, requesting the restoration of the boulevard between the sidewalk and the existing curb on the east side of their driveway with gravel, rather than topsoil and grass seed as per Township standards. Boulevard restoration is required after the replacement of the existing sidewalks on Jessie Street was completed in July 2020.

During the Aug. 17th Council Meeting, Township Council approved the staff recommendation to deny this request because this portion of the boulevard is not designed for parking.

A subsequent letter was received Aug. 28, 2020, requesting that Township Council reconsider its decision. The letter is attached to this report (Names have been redacted in order to protect personal privacy).

Discussion:

In the attached letter, the property owner references several locations where residents allegedly park on Township boulevards. In many of these locations the street is considered a semi-urban cross section which does not include a concrete curb and gutter or adequate road width for on-street parking. This type of road

design does allow for parking on the Township boulevard except when parking restrictions are in effect such as in the winter during snow plowing operations. On streets with semi-urban cross sections, if vehicles are parked on Township boulevards in such a manner that interferes with Township maintenance operations or if a complaint is received by the Township By-Law Enforcement Officer regarding long term parking, then Township staff will launch an investigation into the matter.

The decision to restore this particular boulevard with topsoil and grass seed is not targeted to this property, but rather it is consistent with how the rest of this street was restored after the sidewalk construction was completed. A verbal "gentlemen's agreement" is not sufficient documentation to deviate from our road restoration standards and facilitate parking that does not adhere to Township by-laws.

It is accurate that the Contractor restored this boulevard with gravel, despite receiving direction from Township staff to place topsoil. This error by the Contractor should not result in this construction project deviating from what was originally intended.

Financial Impacts:

There will be some minor costs associated with removing the gravel and placing topsoil and grass seed, however there is driveway preparation required prior to paving in later September or early October, so there will be no additional mobilization costs incurred as a result of this work.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

N/A

Respectfully Submitted By:

John Yungblut, Director of Public Works

Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer