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Windsor, Ontario April 8, 2013

REPORT NO. 120 of the
ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC SAFETY
STANDING COMMITTEE
of its meeting held March 20, 2013

Present:
Councillor J. Gignac
Councillor A. Halberstadt
Councillor R. Jones,
Councillor H. Payne
Councillor F. Valentinis, Chair

That the following recommendations of the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee **BE APPROVED:**

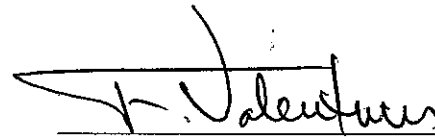
Moved by Councillor Gignac, seconded by Councillor Payne,
THAT the request by the Walkerville BIA for the removal of parking meters **BE**

DENIED.

Carried.
Councillor Halberstadt voting nay.

Clerk's Note: The report authored by the Manager of Traffic Operations dated November 1, 2012 entitled "WALKERVILLE BIA: Request to Remove Parking Meters" is attached as background information.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WINDSOR
Environment & Transportation Standing Committee –
Administrative Report

**MISSION STATEMENT:**

"The City of Windsor, with the involvement of its citizens, will deliver effective and responsive municipal services, and will mobilize innovative community partnerships"

LiveLink REPORT 16167 ST2013	Report Date: November 1, 2012 (PW#3417-11/15/12:abr)
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To: Environment & Transportation Standing Committee

Subject: WALKERVILLE BIA: Request to Remove Parking Meters

1. RECOMMENDATION: City Wide: ___ Ward(s): 4

THAT the request by the Walkerville BIA for the removal of parking meters BE DENIED.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

N/A

2. BACKGROUND:

The Walkerville BIA has made a request to remove of parking meters on Wyandotte St. E. from Gladstone Avenue easterly to Chilver Road. This area of Wyandotte Street East is part of the Municipal Parking Program and has approximately 36 on-street meters and one (1) municipal off-street lot which is located south of Wyandotte Street East on Lincoln Road.

3. DISCUSSION:

The Municipal Parking Program is comprised of various types of parking such as parking meters, parking lots and parking structures parking which address the needs of various users (i.e. long-term vs. short-term). Parking strategies are typically aligned throughout various areas to complement each other and provide a sustainable municipal parking program. Changes impacting the program should be part of an overall strategy and take into account both of the parking options (i.e. meters, lots, structures) and user needs (long vs. short term).

Additionally, municipal parking programs must take into account and form part of the overall transportation plan as the ability to provide parking, particularly on-street, will be impacted by the road system and its intended purpose. It should be noted that Wyandotte Street East is a Class II Arterial with the primary function to move people, vehicles and goods.

In 1998-99 the Wyandotte Street Parking Study was commissioned and a final report was submitted by Paradigm Transportation Solutions Limited. The study's aim was as follows:

“to assess the existing and anticipated future on-street and off-street parking characteristics and to develop a strategy and implementation plan to identify parking deficiencies in the study area which is along Wyandotte Street East from McDougall to Devonshire. In particular, the study addresses the potential parking impacts of the planned ultimate removal of on-street parking on Wyandotte Street in recognition of the planned ultimate removal of on-street parking on Wyandotte Street in recognition of the future needs for additional road capacity through the study area”.

This is consistent with the City's Official Plan which states:

On-Street Parking 7.2.2.15

Council may allow, restrict or partially restrict on-street parking on specific roads as follows:

- (b) *parking will be discouraged on Class II Arterial Roads and Class I Collector Roads and may only be allowed in areas where adequate and convenient off-street parking is not available.”*

Further at the meeting of City Council on November 8, 1999 CR1203/99 was approved which stated:

“That the Wyandotte Street Parking Study be approved as a planning document and the acquisition of properties along Wyandotte Street from McDougall to Devonshire BE PURSUED for the purpose of implementing off-street parking and further; the BIA, and area residents BE CONSULTED on the implementation of off-street parking”.

The Municipal Parking Program generates revenues from the various parking facilities. Historically, parking lots and garages are not revenue generators, but operate on a break-even basis. Revenue from parking meters is typically positive which results in funds being available for transfer to the Off-Street Reserve Fund at year-end. The Off-Street Reserve Fund is then used for Capital expenditures such as parking structure rehabilitation works, parking lot construction or rehabilitation and property acquisition for expansion of off-street parking lots.

Parking objectives are divided into two categories: short-term and long-term. Short-term parking has the objective of providing convenient parking with frequent turnover, allowing for accessibility to numerous patrons during the course of the day. These locations are controlled through the use of parking meters. As this type of parking is of higher demand, rates are set accordingly.

Long-term parking is provided through lots and garages. The purpose is to provide parking for longer periods than parking meters. Turnover is not the primary objective, but rather these locations have the end goal of providing parking for long-term parkers, such as employees. Lower hourly rates and the ability to obtain monthly parking permits are avenues used to encourage use of these types of facilities.

Removal of Meters – Impact on the Municipal Parking Program

One of the guiding policies of the Municipal Parking Program is to install on-street meters in areas where future off-street lots are to be developed. This policy is premised on two principles:

1. Off-street lots require significant capital investment for land acquisition and construction and the parking meter revenue is required to fund and offset this investment; and
2. Off-street lot utilization will be extremely low if free/unpaid parking surrounds parking lots requiring payment.

The current level of service provided by enforcement cannot be continued in the absence of parking meters. Significant effort and time is required to enforce time limited parking by means of chalking. Given the time and physical effort involved, other areas in a beat will suffer a decrease in enforcement.

Removal of parking meters would prove detrimental to the expansion of off-street parking as recommended in the Wyandotte Street Parking Study and the Official Plan. For the reasons noted above, removal of parking meters is not recommended.

In addition to the above noted, a final impact often given little consideration, is the ability to enforce the Parking By-law. Parking meters offer an easy method of providing enforcement which is not labour intensive, is readily understood by the general public and provides positive information as to whether a violation exists through the display on the meter.

Should Council wish to remove meters in this area, CR1203/99 should be amended to exclude the Walkerville BIA from the development of any off-street municipal parking lots.

4. RISK ANALYSIS:

There are several risks which have been identified regarding the request for parking meter removal on Wyandotte Street East and its impact on the Municipal Parking Program. They include:

1. Impact of the Municipal Parking Program (MPP):
 - The off-street lot on Lincoln will not generate sufficient revenues to sustain itself or cover its fixed costs which include maintenance, property taxes and hydro.
 - No refunds will be available for further development of off-street lots in this area.
 - Further requests from BIA's will likely come forward for the removal of parking meters in their areas. It should be noted, the Wyandotte Street BIA has already submitted a request for removal of meters in their area as well.
 - The Municipal Parking Program is a self-funding program; deterioration of the inventory of parking meters will reduce the transfer of funds to the Off-Street Reserve Fund, requiring funding from the tax rate for program support.

5. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

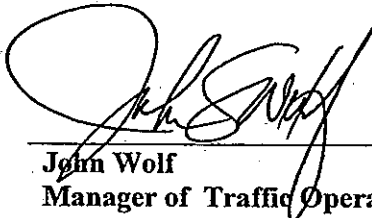
The meters on Wyandotte Street East in the Walkerville BIA provide average weekly revenue of approximately \$500.00/week.

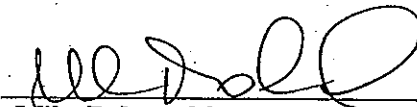
6. CONSULTATIONS:

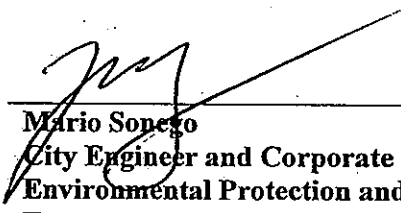
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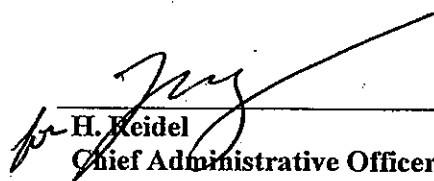
7. CONCLUSION:

THAT the request by the Walkerville BIA for the removal of on-street parking meters **BE DENIED.**


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Manager of Traffic Operations


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Walkerville Business Improvement Area

November 22, 2011

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Attn: John Wolf
Manager, Traffic Operations

Dear Mr. Wolf,

The Board of Directors of the Walkerville Business Improvement Area (WBIA) has carried a motion calling for the removal of all remaining parking meters located on Wyandotte Street, east of Gladstone Avenue and west of Argyle Road. Further, that those parking meters be replaced by regular parking signage indicating a maximum of two (2) hours.

MOTION: Moved by Marco M., seconded by Roy S., to request that the City of Windsor remove all remaining parking meters from the Walkerville BIA, replacing the metered parking allocation with on-street temporary parking, enacting a maximum parking duration of 2 hours.

Pursuant to this request, the WBIA Board asks that one spot at one end of each block be made a "Designated Handicap Parking Space" (Interpretation 13 of By-Law 9023).

Finally, the WBIA requests that all current short-term parking spaces (10, 15, or 20 minute time limits) be kept in their current location. Any future additions to short-terms spaces will be requested by letter from the WBIA Board.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Best Regards,

Jake Rondot
Chair, Walkerville BIA

Attachment: Minutes of the WBIA Board Meeting 5-31-2011
Cc: Alan Halberstadt, Councilor, Ward 4
Joan Charette, Coordinator, Walkerville BIA
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator, City of Windsor

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