



COMMITTEE SUMMARY

Committee: Parking in The Village

Chair: Mona Babin

Updated on: March 4, 2020

Meetings Summary

OBJECTIVE: Provide safe roads for The Village residents and their guests

Mona Babin, Rob Williams, Jon Schmidt and John Hawley met on September 16, 2019

1. Jon is on the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake's Community Safety
2. Normal Ontario speeds: regular road (50 km/h), rural roads (80 km/h), highways (100 km/h)
3. The Village was created in new urban design, an alternative to suburban design. Architectural codes overlaid with Town bylaws. Much larger capacity for parking due to uninterrupted roads
4. There is ample parking on the street. Most streets are 50-foot roadway (includes 24-foot paved road, sidewalks to property line) and are designed to allow parking on one side. With cars parked, proven to be safest street width according to International Parking Institute. Most streets are short and curved. Garrison: design to slow down with park (from old Garrison to new Garrison) with 86-foot-wide right of way. Parking on both sides of this road width proven to be safer.

Mona Babin, Rob Williams met with Town employees on October 7, 2019: Sheldon Randall (Director of Operations and Acting CAO), Marci Weston (Engineering Technologist), Rolf Weins (Manager of Enforcement/Chief Building Official), Jeff Vyse (Manager of Public Works)

1. Marci has extensive traffic experience
2. Town has spent \$30,000 to date on studies regarding parking
3. 2017 survey sent to 200 homes in The Village, 185 responses, determined that few people need parking and can't find it. 2am-6am no parking is an issue
4. Same survey then sent to residents of St. Davids, Queenston, rural, and Virgil. 22 responses. No issues identified
5. New Parsons report will be issued soon and will be distributed to councilors
6. VCA to direct residents to report any issues on town website (<https://www.notl.org/content/service-request>)

Current parking guidelines (according to the Town website)

Do not stop, stand or park a vehicle:

1. Facing the wrong way on the street or against the direction of traffic flow
2. On the roadway side of any stopped, standing or parked vehicle (no double parking, stopping or standing)
3. On or partly on or over a sidewalk
4. Within an intersection or crosswalk
5. On any outer boulevard

Do not park a vehicle:

1. Within 10m (33ft) of an intersection
2. Within 3m (10ft) on a fire hydrant
3. On an inner boulevard
4. In front of or within 1.5m (5ft) of a laneway or driveway or a curb-cut
5. On either side of a roadway so as to obstruct a vehicle in the use of any laneway or driveway
6. For the purpose of displaying such vehicle for sale or lease
7. For the purpose of servicing or repairing a vehicle except for emergency
8. Between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on all municipal and regional roads
9. For a period of time exceeding 12 hours

CURRENT SITUATION

As of February 10, 2020 (minutes from Town website, Committee of the whole minutes). Two motions were approved.

1. Moved by Lord Mayor Betty Disero that staff be requested to look at the intersection of Garrison Village Drive and Jordan Street with a view to increase the site lines, exiting Jordan Street onto Garrison Village Drive and report to Council in an information report.
2. Moved by Councillor Norm Arsenault that the recommendations contained in Operation Services Report OPS-20-004 be approved as follows:
 - 1.1 Council approve the removal of the 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. parking prohibition; and
 - 1.2 the Town Clerk be directed to amend "Schedule C - Parking Prohibitions" of Traffic and Parking By-law No. 4308-09 to provide for the above noted parking prohibitions.