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Town of Aurora  
**Council Report**  
No. PDS24-121

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**Subject:** Additional Information to Proposed Amendments to Parking By-law No. 4574-04.T – Various Locations in the Town’s Downtown Area

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**Department:** Planning and Development Services

**Date:** November 26, 2024

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## Recommendation

1. That Report No. PDS24-121 be received; and
2. That a by-law to amend Parking Bylaw No. 4574-04.T be enacted to increase the on-street parking allowance from one hour to two hours on Yonge Street between Wellington Street West and Kennedy Street on an interim basis as outlined in the report.

## Executive Summary

This report seeks Council’s approval to amend the existing on-street parking provisions outlined in the Town Parking By-law No. 4574-04.T for Yonge Street in the Downtown Business Improvement Area (BIA) on an interim basis.

- Under existing conditions, on-street parking allowance on Yonge Street within the vicinity of the Town’s BIA is generally restricted to a maximum of one hour
- In order to provide additional parking to the patrons of the businesses along Yonge Street in the Town’s BIA, staff recommend increasing the on-street parking allowance from one hour to two hours in the identified area on an interim basis.
- Bylaw Services anticipates additional parking challenges if the on-street restrictions are amended however are supportive of the proposed changes on an interim basis until the Town-wide Parking Study is completed.

## Background

Staff report no. PDS24-104 was presented to Council at the Committee of the Whole meeting on October 22, 2024. This report recommended increasing the on-street parking allowance from three hours to four hours for streets located within the Town's downtown area as an interim measure until the completion of the upcoming Town-wide Parking Study in order to accommodate any programs and/or events that exceed three hours in duration. At the Council meeting on October 29, 2024, Council approved the increase of parking on these streets from three hours to four hours but also asked staff to assess the feasibility of extending the existing on-street parking allowance on Yonge Street within the vicinity of the Town's Business Improvement Area (BIA) from one hour to two hours.

## Analysis

Under existing conditions, on-street parking allowance on Yonge Street within the vicinity of the Town's BIA is generally restricted to a maximum of one hour.

The existing on-street parking allowance on Yonge Street is summarized in Table 1 and illustrated in Attachment 1.

**Table 1: Existing On-Street Parking Allowance for Yonge Street in the Downtown BIA**

Street Name	Side	From / To	Times Parking is Permitted	Max. Parking Duration
Yonge Street	West	From: A point 30 m south of the Wellington St. intersection To: A point 128m south of Wellington St.	8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday to Saturday	1 hour
			6:00 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. Monday to Friday, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Sunday	No Restriction
Yonge Street	West	From: Tyler St. intersection To: Ransom Street intersection	8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday to Saturday	1 hour
			6:00 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. Monday to Friday, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Sunday	No Restriction
Yonge Street	East	From: A point 30 m. south of the Wellington St. E.	9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Saturday	1 hour

		intersection To: Cousins Dr. intersection	6:30 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. Monday to Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. Saturday, Sunday	No Restriction
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In order to provide additional parking to the patrons of the businesses along Yonge Street in the Town's BIA, staff recommends increasing the on-street parking allowance from one to two hours in the identified area on an interim basis.

It is proposed that the two-hour parking be implemented on an interim basis and that a long-term solution be confirmed through the upcoming Town-wide Parking Study, which is to be completed at the end of 2025.

The proposed changes are summarized in Table 2 and illustrated in Attachment 2.

**Table 2: Proposed On-Street Parking Allowance for Yonge Street in the Downtown BIA**

Street Name	Side	From / To	Times Parking is Permitted	Max. Parking Duration
Yonge Street	West	From: A point 30 m south of the Wellington St. intersection To: A point 128m south of Wellington St.	8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday to Saturday	2 hours
			6:00 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. Monday to Friday, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Sunday	No Restriction
Yonge Street	West	From: Tyler St. intersection To: Ransom Street intersection	8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday to Saturday	2 hours
			6:00 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. Monday to Friday, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Sunday	No Restriction
Yonge Street	East	From: A point 30 m. south of the Wellington St. East intersection To: Cousins Dr. intersection	9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Saturday	2 hours
			6:30 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. Monday to Friday, 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. Saturday, Sunday	No Restriction

**Bylaw Services anticipates additional parking challenges if the on-street restrictions are amended however are supportive of the proposed changes on an interim basis until the Town-wide Parking Study is completed.**

On-street parking availability in the downtown core continues to be impacted by ongoing construction projects, increased community demand, and some business owners utilizing on-street parking of personal vehicles for portions of the day. The proposed changes will help accommodate existing parking demand for the patrons of the businesses along Yonge Street in the Town's BIA. However, it is anticipated that the proposed changes will require Bylaw Services to increase their enforcement measures in the short and long term.

It is proposed that a long-term parking solution for the Town's BIA be confirmed through the upcoming Town-wide Parking Study, which will provide a comprehensive review of parking system options in the Town's downtown core within the context of existing and future parking demand and enforcement needs.

### **Advisory Committee Review**

None.

### **Legal Considerations**

None.

### **Financial Implications**

The estimated cost for the installation and updating of signs to reflect this change is approximately \$1,000 and the necessary funds are available from the Town's Operations Services Department Operating Budget.

### **Communications Considerations**

The affected residents/businesses will be notified of the proposed changes to the interim on-street parking restrictions.

### **Climate Change Considerations**

None.

## Link to Strategic Plan

This report supports the Strategic Plan goal of Support an Exceptional Quality of Life for All through its accomplishment in satisfying requirements in the following key objective within this goal statement:

- Examine traffic patterns and identify potential solutions to improve movement and safety at key intersections in the community.

## Alternative(s) to the Recommendation

1. That Council receive Report No. PDS24-121, and not amend the Town's Parking By-law for Yonge Street in the Town's Business Improvement Area.

## Conclusions

This report seeks Council's approval to amend the existing on-street parking provisions outlined in the Town Parking By-law No. 4574-04.T for Yonge Street in the Town's BIA on an interim basis.

To further support the expected parking demand for the patrons of the businesses along Yonge Street in the Town's BIA, staff recommends increasing the on-street parking allowance from 1 hour to 2 hours in the identified area on an interim basis. It is proposed that a long-term parking solution for the Town's BIA be confirmed through the upcoming Town-wide Parking Study, which will provide a comprehensive review of parking and enforcement options within the Town's downtown core within the context of existing and future parking demand and availability.

The estimated cost for the installation and updating of signs to reflect this change is approximately \$1,000 and the necessary funds are available from the Town's Operations Services Department Operating Budget.

## Attachments

Attachment 1: Map of Existing Parking Restrictions on Yonge Street in the Downtown BIA

Attachment 2: Map of Proposed Parking Restrictions on Yonge Street in the Downtown BIA

## **Previous Reports**

None.

## **Pre-submission Review**

Agenda Management Team review on November 14, 2024.

## **Approvals**

**Approved by Marco Ramunno, Director, Planning and Development Services**

**Approved by Doug Nadorozny, Chief Administrative Officer**