

City Staff Report

Original signed by: City Manager Johnson

Report Date: November 21, 2018

Meeting Date: November 27, 2018

To: City Manager

From: Director of Development Services

Subject: Downtown Parking (24 hour lot behind Post Office)

Purpose

Obtain direction on reverting the public parking area behind the post office back to 24 hour parking.

Summary

- the Quesnel Downtown Association did a survey inquiring what the preference would be for parking in the lot behind the post office - 24hr or 2hr parking.
- the result was 86.5% in favour of all day (24hr) parking. *Note that the QDA did not discuss the City developing staff parking in the survey, it was an initial survey and they did not feel it appropriate as it was not a guarantee.*
- the Quesnel Downtown Association has provided correspondence supporting the results of the survey and converting back to 24 hour parking.
- there are a number of options that could be looked at overall for accommodating staff parking in the downtown :
 - 1) Maintaining the 24hr parking behind the post office to accommodate staff and customers;
 - 2) Creating space for staff parking on various lots in the downtown;
 - 3) Creating a permitting process for staff parking on any 2hour lot.

Recommendation

THAT Council directs staff to re-establish the 24 hour parking in the public lot behind the post office;

AND THAT Council directs staff to re-engage the Quesnel Downtown Association following the Christmas season on the on whether or not there is a need to develop options for staff parking to accommodate customers in the core.

Strategic Objective

N/A

Financial Implications

None at this time.

Background

Leading up to the Reid Street revitalization work concern was expressed about the lack of customer parking in the downtown. A decision to make the public parking lot behind the post office 2 hour parking for customers and require staff to park on lots further to the east (ie. lot beside Salvation Army, lot across from (south of) City Hall, 4 lots in and around the arena).



This worked extremely well with this lot being full during the construction period and staff utilizing other lots. The business community was very successful in communicating with their staff the need to park in alternative lots. Due to this discussion ensued about the possibility of retaining this as 2hour parking for customers and establishing staff parking on another lot or lots.

Following construction requests to revert the parking back to 24 hour were received by a few businesses and staff of downtown businesses. The reasons they provided for reverting back to 24 hour are to provide staff parking closer to the core business area and parking for customers who require longer than the 2 hour parking.

Attachments

Quesnel Downtown Association correspondence

Options

- 1) Revert back to 24hr parking immediately.
- 2) Make a section of the post office parking lot staff parking with the remainder 2 hour.
- 3) Require additional information.