



Village of Point Edward  
**PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

*Parking Recommendations*

Tuesday, June 12, 2007 at 6:45 p.m.

Point Edward Council Chambers, 135 Kendall Street, Point Edward, Ontario

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**1. Introduction by Mayor Kirkland**

Mayor Kirkland advised that the Village of Point Edward is considering a number of Parking recommendations to address safety and other concerns.

**2. Public Comments**

1. Remove parking on north side of Victoria Ave. from Monk Street to Livingston Street

Gerry Spanton advised that he lives at the corner lot. He feels that the suggestion is because of congestion and it is overkill. One or two nights per week for about two hours, particularly Tuesday, there are problems. To penalize other residents is an inconvenience for something that is very short-lived. It is overkill for restrictions. If it has to be done, it should be restricted on the south side as there would be easier access to Holder's Lane. He wouldn't touch it. Council should leave it as is.

Lee Toole asked if there are any other alternatives. Where will they go – down further on Livingston Street. The parking lot should be expanded. It is great that people are there. If she comes home late from work, there is already no parking.

John Gilroy left his place at 6:15 p.m. and a large truck passed all the soccer cars. He does not see the reason for this change.

Rick Moyer can see it to improve a sight line. He has had a transport go through there. Council should take out a chunk of grass and double the parking lot. This would alleviate parking on the street.

Hazel Brown will be glad when everything gets settled. She asked if the parking change would be for certain times or 24 hours per day. Why would it be on the north side?

Councillor MacKenzie advised that it is being recommended for accessibility if something goes wrong. He realized the parking will extend to Fort Street.

Hazel Brown commented that the bus goes too fast. He comes around the corner and he moves.

Councillor MacKenzie stated that her concerns should be put in writing to Sarnia Transit with a copy to the municipal office. They have already done this on Houser Street.

Sara Spanton noted that the fire hydrant is on the south side of the street. If parking is allowed there, it would block the fire hydrant.

Linda Braichet has enough room in her driveway. When it is congested, it is not a problem. The congestion gets over very quickly. It should be cleaned up at the corners.

Mayor Kirkland commented that there have been a few concerns at intersections and the yellow markings will be extended.

Councillor Churchill noted that the sight lines at the corner of Fort Street are a key issue. To take parking away from the residents may not be necessary.

John Gilroy does not buy the argument for removing the parking.

Deputy Mayor Robson commented that Council did not just decide to do it. A Committee was formed with members being Public Works Supervisor Mike Chalmers, Sgt. John Flesher, Chief Doug MacKenzie and Police Services Board Vice Chair Ross Laur. The parking in the whole Village was reviewed. Problem areas were determined. The priorities that were considered were access and visibility. Mara Street has problems. The intent is to be uniform throughout the Village. They are not picking on one street. There is a need for safety for children in the Village. She hopes that there is not an emergency.

Hazel Brown advised that she has seen an emergency around the corner.

Bryan Brown commented that there were good comments on parking. If the parking is taken away, it should be on the south side because of the hydrants. There is a need for yellow marking. If it is opened up, there will be a speed way. Enforcement is not being done. He needs a 'No Parking in Circle' sign.

Gerry Spanton indicated that the yellow lines were not visible enough.

2. No parking on the east side of Mara Street
3. Parking on the west side of Mara Street to be marked with yellow curb markings and prohibit parking within 10 metres of any access from DMI building

Mr. Dan D'Andrea, Property Management, DMI Building advised that he is in total concurrence with Proposals 2 and 3. The problem is the entrances to the parking lots and coming in and out. It is difficult to see when a car is approaching. You have to nudge your way out. It should be marked similar to Lite Street. It will be good for emergency vehicles and regular traffic. Prior to paid parking lot, there were 40 tenants with 1 to 15 employees, approximately 100 employees, parking in the first parking lot full time every day. He tried to police it to keep the employees in the south parking lot. Visitors ended up having to park on the street. Staff is now using the south parking lot. He agrees with the recommendations and feels that they are sound.

Councillor Churchill commented that he has watched this area. When they see it is a paid parking lot, they back out, which causes further problems. More policing is needed.

Mayor Kirkland advised that the police have been monitoring this area, particularly since the paid parking lot, and they have given out tickets. It has cleared up the problem to a great extent.

Deputy Mayor Robson noted that when she came out of the paid parking lot, she could not see. She avoided an accident by an inch.

4. Monk Street between Michigan Ave. and Alexandra Ave. – change angle parking to parallel parking

Linda Braichet stated that she owns two properties in this area and the changes are needed.

5. Michigan Ave. at Monk Street – prohibit parking on both northeast and northwest corners

No one was in attendance on this parking area.

6. Bridgeview Public School parking and traffic – Change yield sign at Helena Street at Charles Street to a ‘STOP’ sign and add ‘No Parking here to Corner’ at the southwest corner of Albert Street at Alexandra Ave.

Deputy Mayor Robson brought this item to Bridgeview School Council. The staff does not have too great a problem with the proposals. They realize the danger. They are happy with the Stop Sign. They have no objection.

#### **Resolution #1**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

THAT the recommendation to remove parking on the north side of Victoria Ave. from Monk Street to Livingston Street, be referred back to the Committee for further review; and further that they be informed of the comments received from the public.

CARRIED.

#### **Resolution #2**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Robson

Seconded by Councillor Hand

THAT Parking Recommendations 2 to 6 inclusive, be approved; and further that the Public Works Department implement the recommendations that have been made.

CARRIED.

### **3. Meeting Adjournment**

#### **Resolution #3**

Moved by Councillor MacKenzie

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Robson

THAT the public meeting for the Parking Recommendations, be adjourned.

CARRIED.

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Mayor Dick Kirkland

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CAO Peggy Cramp