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Sent Via Email

Council of the Municipality of Brockton
c/o Clerk,
100 Scott St,
PO Box 68
Walkerton, ON N0G 2V0

Dear Council of the Municipality of Brockton,

Re: Traffic and Parking Amendment – Lake Rosalind Parking Restrictions

Respectfully, I ask you to:

1. Reverse your decision that passed the bi-law to prohibit parking on the West side of Lake Rosalind Road 1 between Lake Rosalind Road 2 and Lake Rosalind Road 6, and
2. decline the bi-law

I present the following reasons for your consideration:

1. There was inadequate representation of the opinion of the property owners of Lake Rosalind Road 1.
 - I am advised the number of submissions accepted on the subject was 5, only 3 of which were from property owners located on Road 1. There are approximately 62 property owners who are located on Road 1. That represents only 4.8% of the property owners on the specific road and directly impacted.
 - You accepted the recommendation of the Lake Rosalind Property owners association. Only 2 directors live on Road 1 (3.2% of the property owners on Road 1) and they may or may not be the same people who submitted comments regarding the bi-law.
2. There was inadequate consultation with the residents impacted by your decision.
 - There was an inadequate time frame allowed for residents of Road 1 to provide written comments. We received the Brockton Buzz newsletter with our recent tax bill. We received the bill after the date for submission had passed (August 18, 2021).

- Notification of the request for submissions was buried among 15 items listed in the newsletter that was sent to the entire Brockton Tax Base. The 15 items were, for the most part, for information purposes only, requiring no action on the taxpayers' part. The item was not brought specifically to the attention of those impacted. This is a dead end road, and this bi-law does not impact the entire Brockton Tax Base.
 - A newsletter is an informal method of communication. Important information about potential new bi-laws, where you seek public input, should be communicated in a formal method to those impacted.
 - The 62 property owners who do live on Road 1 were not directly consulted.
3. You accepted a recommendation from the Lake Rosalind Property Owners Association without question.
- It is my opinion, the Directors of that association are improperly appointed and may not represent fairly the position of all of the property owners of Road 1.
 - For example: at this year's annual meeting, a list of 11 individuals' names were listed on a piece of paper for the 10 directors' positions. These individuals did not supply their resume, did not speak at the meeting about their qualifications or their positions on the issues faced by the association, nor did they reveal their bias.
 - There was no opportunity for individuals to run from the floor as is typical when electing a board to represent a group of property owners or other stakeholders.
 - Owners were asked to vote based solely on a list of names. Owners have no idea if the successful individuals represent their position or interest.
4. There is no actual parking problem on Road 1 that needs to be solved by implementing this bi-law
- Most all people that park their vehicles on the side of the road, park with care, consideration, and safety, and they do pull partially off the road onto the abutting lawns. Drivers can navigate the road with ease and safety.
 - The road has two-way traffic. There is adequate room to navigate when vehicles are parked on the roadside.
 - The legal speed is 40 km per hour, allowing for safe navigation of the roadway.
 - There are roads around the lake that are only wide enough for one lane of traffic, with no room to pass or park, which could be considered an actual problem. Yet those roads are not targeted by no parking zones or this ill-conceived bi-law.
5. There is no benefit to restricting parking to only one side of the road. In this case, the east side of the road.
- People typically choose to park in the most appropriate place, considering their ability to pull their vehicle slightly off the road, the safety of parking (flat, hill or drop shoulders,

storm drains, soft shoulders, high vegetation, and swampy ditches), and convenience to their property location.

- There are large sections of the road in question where parking on the east side of the road is impractical and less safe and it would be better (safer and more practical) to park on the west side in those sections.
 - If you allow parking on only the east side, there are large sections where they will be parking entirely on the road rather than partially pulling off the road due to hazards such as hills or drop shoulders, storm drains, soft shoulders, high vegetation and swampy ditches.
 - Parking on the east side of the road because it is allowed in the bi-law, and not because it is the best place to park, may cause problems such as road obstructions (as you may park fully on the road), and potential accidents.
6. Implementing parking restriction will result in “no parking” signs being posted and negatively impacts the beauty and our enjoyment of our community.
7. I would hazard a guess that the majority of the voting members of the Municipal Council have never driven on the road, and did not consider the bias of the individual(s) requesting this bi-law be implemented.

In my personal situation:

- I live on the east side of the road, we and our neighbours have adequate parking, and it is rare that we or our guests park on the road. However, if you restrict parking on the west side where there is adequate flat lawn, with no storm drains and other hazards, and often people parking on the west side of the road in this section, they will be parking frequently and un-necessarily in front of our house
- There are four properties on the east side of the road, along the roadway in my immediate vicinity, where it is less safe to park in front of, or where driveways would limit parking, when compared to the west side of the road.

Again, for the reasons outlined, I ask you to:

1. Reverse your decision that passed the bi-law to prohibit parking on the West side of Lake Rosalind Road 1 between Lake Rosalind Road 2 to Lake Rosalind Road 6, and
2. Decline the bi-law.

I look forward to receiving your decision. Please call or email if you would like clarification of my opinion, or to discuss my submission.

Regards,

Rhonda Mauer