

## Report to Council

**Report Title:** Accessible Parking Spaces at Walkerton Post Office

**Prepared By:** Sarah Johnson, Deputy Clerk and Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk)

**Department:** Clerk's

**Date:** August 29, 2023

**Report Number:** CLK2023-20                      **File Number:** C11CL

### Attachments:

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### Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CLK2023-20 - Accessible Parking Spaces at Walkerton Post Office, prepared by Sarah Johnson, Deputy Clerk and Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) and in doing so approves Option \_\_\_\_\_ regarding the accessible parking spaces at 100 Scott Street, Walkerton;

And further that a By-Law be brought forward at a future Council Meeting to amend the Traffic and Parking By-Law.

### Report:

#### Background:

The Accessibility Advisory Committee noted the challenges associated with the current accessible parking spot outside of the Walkerton Post Office. Approximately 10 years ago, the corner of Scott Street and Peter Street was sloped towards the road for accessibility, hence the accessible parking space being located at that corner. However, the sidewalk is no longer sloped at that intersection, and individuals have been experiencing challenges with the longer distance to travel to the Post Office.

The middle of the sidewalk at 100 Scott Street is sloped in front of the main entrance to both the Post Office and Municipal Office, making it more beneficial to relocate the accessible parking space to the portion of the sidewalk that is sloped, and a shorter distance for individuals with a disability to access the Post Office.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee suggested that the current accessible parking space be relocated to the portion of the sidewalk where the curb slopes down towards the road. The Committee also requested that a proposal be brought forward to allow up to three (3) accessible parking spaces (one being a larger parking space to accommodate a van for persons using wheelchairs/scooters) to be created within the sloped sidewalk area in front of the Post Office.

## **Analysis:**

In accordance with the Municipality's Traffic and Parking Amendments Policy, staff advertised the proposal in the August 2023 Brockton Buzz Newsletter, and the Municipal website and social media.

Comments were to be sent in writing to the Clerk by August 23, 2023 at Noon for Council's consideration at the August 29, 2023 Council Meeting.

The Municipality received a total of 12 comments on the proposal for the accessible parking spaces. Overall, there was a consensus to relocate the accessible parking space to the area of the sidewalk that is sloped down towards the road rather than its current location at the corner of Scott and Peter Streets. Residents expressed their appreciation for the proposal in order to benefit individuals with disabilities having increased access to the Post Office.

Residents noted the limited space for parking along Scott Street at certain times of the day, such that three (3) accessible parking spaces may be too cumbersome for the entire stretch of the sidewalk, and there would be periods of time that the accessible parking spaces remain unused, or a risk of drivers parking in the accessible parking spaces without a permit during busier times of day.

Staff request Council's direction on the following options related to a proposed amendment to the Traffic and Parking By-Law:

### **Option 1:**

Designate and create one (1) parking space as accessible parking at the sloped portion of the sidewalk.

### **Option 2:**

Designate and create two (2) parking spaces as accessible parking at the sloped portion of the sidewalk.

Following Council's decision, staff will bring back the Traffic and Parking By-Law with the amendment on the accessible parking space(s) at 100 Scott Street, and communicate the change to the public. The Operations Department will repaint the parking spaces as per the amendment chosen by Council.

## **Strategic Action Plan Checklist:**

What aspect of the Brockton Strategic Action Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?

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| • Recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision                       | Yes |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Heritage, Culture, and Community              | Yes |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Quality of Life                               | Yes |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Land Use Planning and the Natural Environment | N/A |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Development                          | N/A |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Municipal Governance                          | Yes |

## **Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:**

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective? Yes

There would be a minor cost associated with repainting the parking spaces which would be completed by the Operations Department.

**Reviewed By:**

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Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

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**Respectfully Submitted by:**

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Sarah Johnson, Deputy Clerk

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Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk)

**Reviewed By:**

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Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer