

REPORT

Council

Meeting Date: April 26, 2021

FROM: Legal Department

DATE: April 13, 2021

SUBJECT: Parking Agreement for Lions Valley Park

LOCATION: 1150 Dundas Street West

WARD: Ward 5 [Click here for multiple wards.](#)

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. That staff be authorized to execute a parking agreement for the use of public parking in the parking lot at 1150 Dundas Street West to service Lions Valley Park and an agreement with the Region of Halton to cover the fees associated with this parking agreement, to be executed in accordance with By-law 2013-057.
2. That the Town Solicitor be authorized to execute any renewals or amendments to these agreements.

KEY FACTS:

The following are key points for consideration with respect to this report:

- The Region of Halton (the “**Region**”) will be accessing Lions Valley Park and using parking spaces in the Park’s parking lot for its construction project to extend William Halton Parkway.
- The Town and the Region have approached the *Knox on the Sixteen* Church (the “**Church**”) to use its parking lot at the top of Lions Valley Park Road to make up for some of the lost parking.
- The Church has agreed in principle to allow the Town to use its parking lot for public parking on the terms and conditions set out in this report.
- Staff are recommending entering into a parking agreement with the Church and a separate agreement with the Region to reimburse the Town for the fees of this parking agreement.

BACKGROUND:

The Region of Halton is currently constructing new phases of the William Halton Parkway (WHP) (Reg. Rd 40). When completed WHP will be a major transportation corridor between Bronte Road and Ninth Line. As part of this construction project the Region requires access to Lions Valley Park and use of the Town parking lot that serves this park. Further details of this construction project and the impact on Lions Valley Park are set out in the report from the Parks and Open Space Department dated December 16, 2020 attached as Appendix "A" to this report.

The Region's construction project will limit the amount of parking available to the public in the current Lions Valley Park parking lot. So, the Town and Region have negotiated the use of the parking lot at 1150 Dundas Street West with the Church in order to provide additional parking for Lions Valley Park.

COMMENT/OPTIONS:

The key terms of the proposed parking agreement are as follows:

- Term of the agreement will commence in the Spring of 2021 and continue for the length of the Region's construction project, which is anticipated to be four years.
- The Region is negotiating the fees with the Church directly and will be responsible for paying these fees to the Town under a separate agreement which the Town will then forward to the Church.
- The Town will be responsible for monitoring and enforcing parking, including installing any necessary signage to notify the public.
- The Town will be responsible for winter control maintenance and repairing any damages to the parking lot caused by the Town's use.
- The parking lot will be open to the public during normal park hours except during certain periods where the Church requires exclusive use of the parking lot for its operations (ie. Sunday church services, rentals, and funerals).

Staff are recommending entering into this parking agreement to make up for some of the lost parking in Lions Valley Park due to the Region's use of the park for its WHP construction project. It is expected the Church lot will add an estimated 16-18 parking spots, which will be valuable during the week when parking at Lions valley Park is reduced.

While this arrangement addresses the period of the Region's construction of the WHP, the Church has an interest in pursuing a longer term agreement that would be beneficial to both the Town and Church. Parking at Lions Valley Park is going to be an ongoing issue beyond the completion of the Region's works due to the increasing desire of the community to pursue year round outdoor recreation, and the growth of North Oakville placing additional pressure on the use of Lions Valley Park. During the period of this agreement, staff will continue to dialogue with the Church on the potential for a longer term agreement after the Region's works are completed

CONSIDERATIONS:

(A) PUBLIC

The public is aware of the William Halton Parkway and bridge crossing through multiple Regional reports and the Environmental Assessment process. Prior to construction beginning within Lions Valley Park staff will ensure a fulsome communications plan is implemented to advise the public through site specific signage, and notification through the Town's website and social media channels.

(B) FINANCIAL

The Region will be responsible for the fees associated with this parking agreement and the Town will be responsible for repairing any damages caused by the use of the parking lot during the term of this agreement.

(C) IMPACT ON OTHER DEPARTMENTS & USERS

This report was jointly prepared by the Legal and Parks and Open Space Departments.

(D) CORPORATE STRATEGIC GOALS

This report addresses the corporate strategic goal to be the most livable town in Canada.

(E) CLIMATE CHANGE/ACTION

N/A

APPENDICES:

Appendix A – Report from the Parks and Open Space Department dated December 16, 2020

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