

Request for Decision City Council

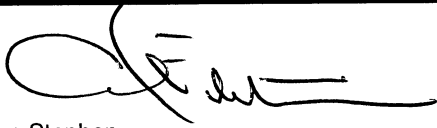



Type of Decision										
Meeting Date	July 14, 2005				Report Date	July 6, 2005				
Decision Requested	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes		No	Priority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	High		Low	
	Direction Only				Type of Meeting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Open		Closed	

Report Title
Various Parking Issues, Young Street in Capreol

Policy Implication + Budget Impact	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This report and recommendation(s) have been reviewed by the Finance Division and the funding source has been identified.
No budget impact.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Background Attached

Recommendation
<p>THAT parking be prohibited on the south side of Young Street, a distance of 12 metres west of King Street, and,</p> <p>THAT Option 'C' be implemented to promote the turnover of on-street parking spaces for customers of downtown Capreol and to provide consistency throughout the City and,</p> <p>THAT the City of Greater Sudbury's Traffic and Parking By-Law 2001-1 be amended accordingly, all in accordance with the report from the General Manager of Infrastructure and Emergency Services, dated July 6th, 2005.</p>
Recommendation Continued

Recommended by the Department Head
 Alan Stephen General Manager of Infrastructure & Emergency Services

Recommended by the C.A.O.
 Mark Mieto Chief Administrative Officer

Date: July 6, 2005

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Background:

A Public Information meeting was held by Ward Councillors in Capreol in February, 2005. Capreol residents and business owners expressed concern over various parking issues on Young Street (see attached Exhibit 'A'). The following report summarizes the parking issues which were presented to staff.

On-street Parking

Residents and business owners on Young Street expressed concern with obstructed site lines at the corner of King Street and Young Street.

Young Street is a collector one-way street with an asphalt width of 13 metres. Parallel parking is permitted on the north side of Young Street for up to four hours and angled parking is permitted for up to two hours on the south side of the street. There are approximately 75 parking spaces on Young Street.

King Street is a local street with an eight metre asphalt width which is controlled by a stop sign at the intersection of Young Street. Parking is restricted at all times on both sides of the street.

Staff reviewed the intersection of King Street and Young Street and determined that due to restricted site lines, a total of two angled parking spaces should be removed on the southwest side of Young Street at the King Street intersection. Parking would be prohibited on Young Street for 12 metres west of King Street.

Handicap Parking

The purpose of on-street parking is to provide convenient and accessible parking for customers of downtown businesses. Availability of parking spaces is critical to both customer and business owners' satisfaction. Long term on-street parking defeats the objective of on-street parking in downtown business areas. The current two-hour parking restriction on the south side of Young Street is intended to promote turnover of the parking spaces.

The City's By-Law Section has increased its enforcement of the parking time limits on Young Street as a result of concerns expressed at the public meeting by both business owners and customers. Staff were advised that many Acrobat call centre employees are using the on-street parking spaces rather than the parking lot which was constructed for their exclusive use on Bloor Street, one block away.

With the increased enforcement, employees and business owners who possess valid handicap parking permits have also been receiving tickets for parking beyond the 2-hour limit. As a result, staff have been asked to investigate dedicating on-street parking spaces for the exclusive use of handicap permit holders.

Various options are presented for Council's consideration:

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Option A: Reserved on-street handicap parking spaces - unlimited use

Implementing on-street handicap parking spaces would create the opportunity for individuals with disabled permits to park in the designated handicap spaces all day which would prevent turnover of the parking spaces. Downtown customers would then have difficulty parking near their destination. The number of permitted spaces would also have to be controlled to ensure that sufficient parking remain available for the general public. A related policy/by-law would have to be developed and approved by Council.

Option B: Reserved on-street handicap spaces - limited use

This option would see designated on-street handicap parking spaces with the same parking restrictions which currently exist on Young Street and would guarantee the turnover of handicap spaces. Although certain spaces would be reserved for handicap permit holders, parking tickets would continue to be issued to any permit holder who parked longer than the two-hour parking time limit. A related policy/by-law would have to be developed and approved by Council.

Option C: Handicap permit holders park at regular parking spaces for up to four hours

The Traffic and Parking By-Law 2001-1 currently allows handicap permit holders to park for up to four hours free at any on-street metered parking space in the Central Business District. Metered parking in Capreol was investigated and dismissed when a survey sent to business owners in December 2004 revealed major opposition to parking meters.

Currently, a handicap permit holder will receive a parking ticket if parked longer than the two hours permitted on the south side of Young Street. This option allows all handicap permit holders to park for up to four hours at any designated on-street parking space within the City of Greater Sudbury, whether metered or not. Any time duration beyond the four hours should see owners and employees parking in their private parking areas behind the buildings on the south side of Young Street.

Option D: Handicap Permit Holders park at regular parking spaces for unlimited time period

This option provides the greatest benefit to handicap permit holders. However, there will be little or no turnover if employees of Young Street businesses occupy the spaces. Customers of businesses or doctors' offices may not be able to find spaces close to their destination. This option also allows any permit holder unlimited access to parking spaces, potentially taking away numerous parking spaces that would otherwise be used by customers of downtown Capreol.

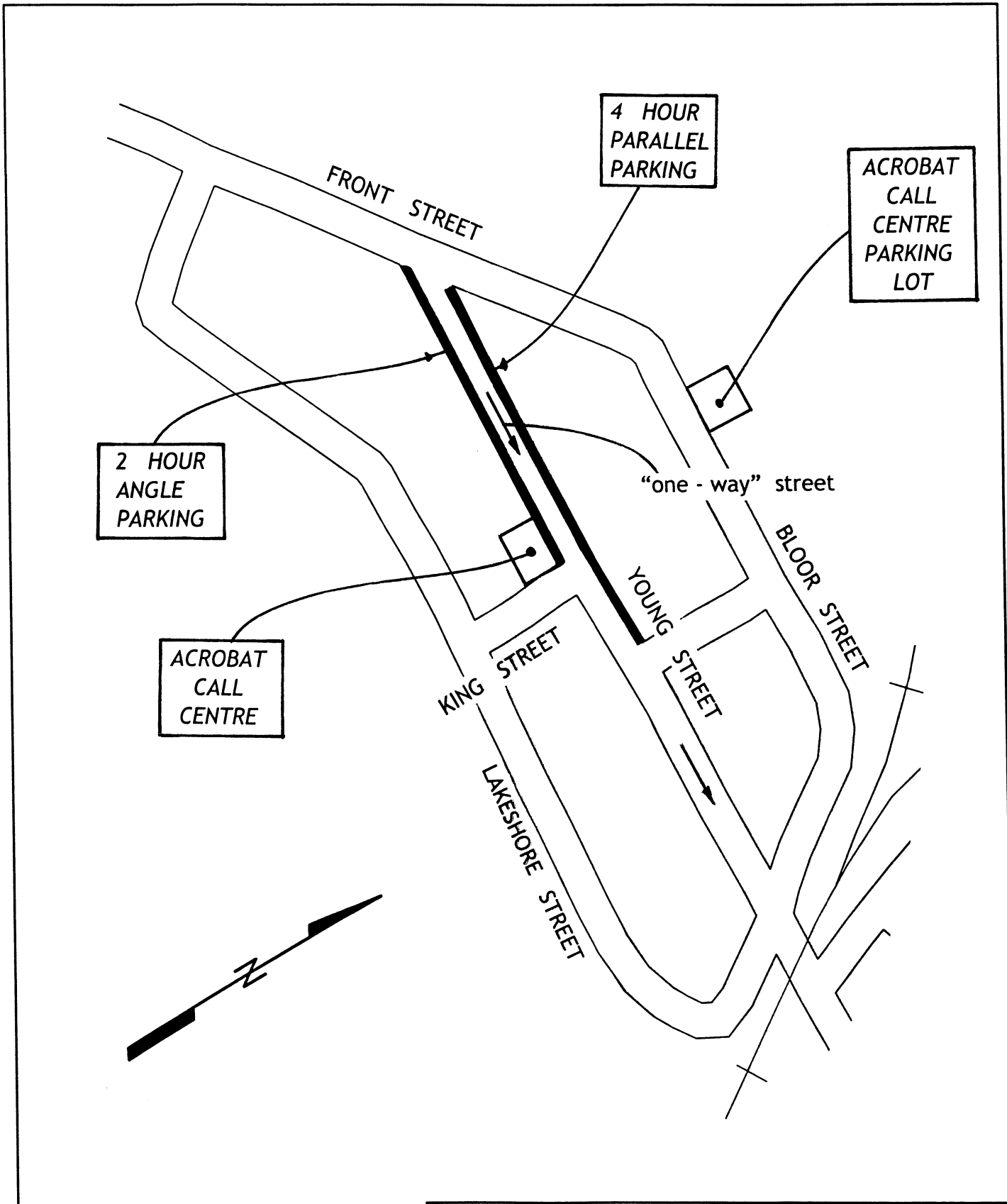
Recommendation


It is recommended that parking be restricted on the south side of Young Street for a distance of 12 metres west of King Street, and

It is recommended that Option 'C' be implemented to promote the turnover of on-street parking spaces for customers of downtown Capreol and to provide consistency throughout the City. This option will allow handicap permit holders to park at any on-street parking space for up to four hours anywhere within the City of Greater Sudbury, and

That the City's Traffic and Parking By-Law 2001-1 be amended accordingly.

EXHIBIT: A



	YOUNG STREET PARKING		
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