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**Subject:** Regional Road 56 (Collier Road) Parking Prohibition, City of Thorold

**Report to:** Public Works Committee

**Report date:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019

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## Recommendations

1. That a parking prohibition **BE APPROVED** on both sides of Regional Road 56 (Collier Road) from St. David's Road to Sullivan Avenue.
2. That the necessary by-law **BE PREPARED** and **PRESENTED** to Council for consideration.

## Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval for a parking prohibition on both sides of Collier Road between St. David's Road and Sullivan Avenue.
- City of Thorold Council approved report (PWCS2019-44) requesting Niagara Region to consider prohibiting parking along both sides of Collier Road between St. David's Road and Sullivan Avenue.
- Parking is presently permissible on both sides of Collier Road between St. David's Road and Sullivan Avenue; causing vehicles to cross the centreline when passing parked vehicles.
- Parking is presently prohibited on both sides of Collier Road between Sullivan Avenue and King's Highway 58 off ramp, with stopping prohibitions on both sides of the roadway in the vicinity of the school crossing at Monsignor Clancy Catholic School.

## Financial Considerations

The costs to introduce the recommended parking prohibition through signage is minimal and will be accommodated within the 2019 Operating budget.

## Analysis

The City of Thorold Council at its meeting of July 2, 2019 passed a resolution requesting Niagara Region to consider prohibiting parking along both sides of Collier Road between St. David's Road and Sullivan Avenue (Appendix 1). City of Thorold staff report (PWCS2019-44), Appendix 2, recommended prohibiting parking on both sides of Collier Road between St. David's Road and Sullivan Avenue. As part of the process, City staff held a PIC on April 19, 2019 to receive comments from residents on the matter.

Regional Road 56 (Collier Road) is a two-lane north-south arterial roadway having an urban cross-section with curb and gutter and a traffic volume of 4400 vehicles a day. The width of the roadway varies from 9.4 to 9.8 metres. The section between St. David's Road and Sullivan Avenue has a sidewalk on the east side, and the section between Sullivan Avenue and Richmond Street has sidewalks on both sides of the roadway.

The concerns brought forth were related to difficulties some residents had exiting their driveways due to vehicles parked on-street in very close proximity to the driveway accesses. Regional staff also observed that vehicles tend to cross the centreline when passing on-street parked vehicles.

Residential properties along the entire section of Collier Road between St. David's Road and Richmond Street are similar in nature having adequate parking space in their driveways. Since a parking prohibition already exists on both sides of Collier Road between Sullivan Avenue and King's Highway 58, staff are of the opinion that extending the parking prohibition northerly to St. David's Road will not negatively affect residents.

Based on the concerns presented by residents to the City of Thorold staff and motorists crossing the centreline when passing parked vehicles, staff are recommending that parking be prohibited on both sides of Collier Road from St. David's Road to Sullivan Avenue. This would provide a continuous parking prohibition along the entire section of Collier Road from St. David's Road to King's Highway 58.

Staff at the City of Thorold have been informed of the proposed recommendations and are in support.

### **Alternatives Reviewed**

The City of Thorold staff considered prohibiting parking along the east side of the roadway and allowing parking along the west side of the roadway. This scenario would require the centreline to be offset. Due to the stopping prohibition near the school, the centreline would have to shift back and forth, not allowing for safe transitions.

### **Relationship to Council Strategic Priorities**

This report is being brought forth by staff, as the result of a City of Thorold Council resolution. By improving public safety, it aligns with Regional Council's strategic priority in the safer Movement of People and Goods.

### **Other Pertinent Reports**

City Council Approved Report, PWCS2019-44

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