

STAFF REPORT

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBOURG



Report to:	Mayor and Council Members	Priority:	<input type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Low
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Submit comments to Council			

Subject/Title: Waterfront Parking Lot Repairs

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receive this report for information purposes; and

FURTHER THAT Council authorize the repairs to the Waterfront parking lot at a cost of \$ 22,500 plus HST that staff recommend could be funded from the Parking Reserve; and

FURTHER THAT Council support the proposed changes to the traffic flow as detailed on the attached drawing.

1. STRATEGIC PLAN

N/A

2. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

This Report is placed on the Committee of the Whole Agenda 10 days in advance of the meeting and will be considered by Council in open session.

3. PURPOSE

This report provides a summary of the recommendations provided to Council by staff about the proposed traffic flow changes at the Waterfront and the parking lot repairs.

4. ORIGIN AND LEGISLATION

5. BACKGROUND

In 2020 the Cobourg Dragon Boat and Canoe Club compound was moved north to higher ground after their previous compound experienced flooding due to high lake levels. As a result, the parking lot was changed to a “one way” entrance off of Hibernia Street and planters were placed just north of the new compound to provide a safe passage for pedestrians to walk through the parking lot.

The parking lot requires a full redesign and reconstruction to resolve the current drainage issues. Pot holes are an ongoing issue requiring regular maintenance and expense. In 2020, several concerns were raised about the traffic and pedestrian flows as vehicles often swerved to avoid pot holes and pedestrians regularly walked through the parking lot/roadway to facilitate social distancing.

6. ANALYSIS

Recognizing that a component of the Waterfront User Needs Assessment and Detailed Design Plan incorporates a redesign of the marina parking lot area, eventually the drainage issues and poor gravel base will be resolved in the future long term plans for the area. The parking lot cannot be maintained adequately in its current state until such time as it is fully reconstructed. As an interim solution, staff are recommending to extend the life of the parking lot while also improving the flow of traffic and pedestrian movement.

As per the attached drawing in consultation with the Public Works Department, staff are proposing to reverse the one way entrance at the west end of the marina parking lot so that it is exit only. The entrance to the marina lot on Third Street will remain an entrance and exit. Hibernia Street will be closed south of Third Street to prevent traffic from entering the marina lot from Hibernia Street. Only having northbound traffic north of the marina lot will also improve pedestrian safety while crossing Hibernia from the boardwalk. Traffic can be maintained in two directions south of the entrance to the marina parking lot for the boat storage compound. All signs and line painting would be as per the Town Parking bylaw and the highway traffic act. In addition to the change in direction for traffic, staff recommend upgrading the parking lot. This work will be performed by the Public Works division and will include removing the topsoil areas on the attached drawings in yellow, scarifying the gravel parking lot and placing/grading reground asphalt.

The planter boxes will again be placed north of the new compound to provide a buffer between traffic and the pedestrian area. Additionally, signage will be posted and line painting will be applied to delineate the pedestrian walkway.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/BUDGET IMPACTS

The costs associated with changing the direction of traffic on the roadway will be completed by the Public Works department and material costs for the repairs will be funded from parking reserves.

Item

Removing the top soiled area to enlarge the parking lot	\$ 3,000
Scarify, grade and place regrind asphalt	\$ 15,000
Line painting	\$ 2,000
Contingency	\$ 2,500
Total, plus HST	\$ 22,500

8. CONCLUSION

THAT Council support the repairs to the Waterfront parking lot at a cost of \$ 22,500 plus HS, that staff recommend could be funded from the Parking Reserves; and

FURTHER THAT Council support the proposed changes to the traffic flow as detailed on the attached drawing.