

# **REPORT**

## ***Engineering Services***

**To:** Mayor Johnstone and Members of Council  
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**Subject:** **Street and Traffic Bylaw Amendments for Three Readings – Bylaw 8397, 2023**

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** Council consider Street and Traffic Amending Bylaw No. 8397, 2023 for Three Readings.

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### **PURPOSE**

To request that Council consider recommendations to amend the Street and Traffic Bylaw No. 7664, 2015 (the “Bylaw”).

### **BACKGROUND**

The Street and Traffic Bylaw regulates traffic and the use of streets in the City. The current Bylaw, adopted in 2015, has been amended from time to time to provide needed clarifications to improve bylaw administration, or to provide needed regulatory support in implementing Master Transportation Plan (MTP) goals. The proposed bylaw amendments (Bylaw No. 8397, 2023) address both of these purposes.

### **DISCUSSION**

Amendment Bylaw No. 8397, 2023 is provided in Attachment 1, and the proposed amendments are summarized as follows:

- **Definitions (Section 2)**
  - Amend Cycle Network definition to replace Cycle Lanes with Protected Cycle Lanes, consistent with the Active Transportation Network Plan (ATNP)
  - Delete Cycle Lane definition and replace with Protected Cycle Lane, consistent with the Active Transportation Network Plan (ATNP)
  - Add definition of Custom Transit Vehicle to clarify they are operated by a government authority for persons with disabilities
  - Simplify Park definition by deleting specific conditions regarding loading
  - Amend definition of a Person with a Disability to broaden scope of disabilities beyond mobility limitations
- **General Regulations (Section 3)**
  - Replace reference to temporary “No Parking” signs with temporary “No Stopping” signs to prohibit loading/unloading in construction zones, consistent with current practice
- **Parking Regulations (Section 4)**
  - Remove reference to number plates with current license year, to address change by province with removing use of decals for vehicle registration
  - Clarify parking on a lane is prohibited where it restricts the free movement of vehicles
- **Permits (Section 5)**
  - Clarify that a person with a resident parking permit may only park in the permit zone for which the permit was issued
  - Add a requirement for persons with a Street Occupancy Permit to also comply with the terms and conditions of a Transportation Management Plan
- **Use of Streets (Section 6)**
  - Limit work in the street to work associated with the normal use of the street, and prohibit use of the street that impedes or interferes with traffic, or defaces or damages the street
  - Clarify where driveway access must be provided relative to the City’s road classifications to improve safety and reduce driveways along the Major Road Network, arterials and collectors
- **Schedule E – Cycle Network**
  - Amend to provide consistency with the ATNP

## **SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

Managing streets to make it safer, more comfortable and more convenient to walk, take transit and ride a bicycle supports the objectives of the Master Transportation Plan, and the Bold Steps for Climate Action, by facilitating a healthy, active, livable, and vibrant community. The recommended amendments support pedestrian and cycling safety, and also clarify various sections to improve enforceability.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There may be indirect cost savings resulting from reduced staff time spent on interpretation and administration of the Bylaw as it pertains to the issuance of Street Occupancy Permits and Parking enforcement.

**INTERDEPARTMENTAL LIAISON**

Engineering Services and Engineering Operations staff were consulted in the development of these proposed bylaw amendments.

**OPTIONS**

The following options are for Council's consideration:

1. THAT Council consider Street and Traffic Amending Bylaw No. 8397, 2023 for Three Readings;
2. THAT Council provide different direction to staff.

Staff recommend Option 1.

**CONCLUSION**

If adopted, Bylaw No. 8397, 2023 would provide needed amendments to help support more effective enforcement by the City's Parking Services Branch, and help ensure safer streets through the issuance of Street Occupancy Permits.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1 – Street and Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 8397, 2023

**APPROVALS**

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