



**Subject: Accessible Parking – Fares Street**

**To: Council**

**From: Community Safety & Enforcement Department**

Report Number: 2021-271

Meeting Date: October 25, 2021

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### **Recommendation:**

That Community Safety & Enforcement Department Report 2021-271 be received;

That Council approve installing an accessible parking space on Fares Street from 36m north of Bell Street to 8m north therefrom, south of Dewitt Carter Public School; and

That by-laws to amend By-law No. 89-2000, Being a By-law to Regulating Traffic and Parking on City Roads, and By-law 4310/146/02, Being a By-law Prescribing On and Off Street Parking for Persons with Disabilities within the City of Port Colborne, be brought forward.

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### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to review the accessible parking request of Principal Todd Acaster of Dewitt Carter Public School and provide a recommendation to Council.

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### **Background:**

The Principal requested that an on-street accessible parking space be designated near the school. Schedule "I" of By-law 4310/146/02 Being a By-law prescribing on and off-street parking for persons with disabilities within the City of Port Colborne, sets out and establishes designated spaces on streets and highways.

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### **Discussion:**

The location of accessible parking spaces should be located on a hard and level surface at or near an entrance.

This property is located on the east side of Fares Street. The request is to install an accessible parking space in front of the school. The parking area in front of 435 Fares Street is fully established as a school bus loading zone for multiple buses to shuttle children to and from the school. This area is a mixed zoned area.

Staff spoke with Principal Todd Acaster regarding the preferred locations to establish an accessible stall. The preferred location is south of the school bus loading zone, located in front of the playground located between the school and the City's former Fire Station #2. This would remove the existing 15-minute parking.

See map attached as Appendix C for reference.

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### **Internal Consultations:**

The Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee (JAAC) does not have an upcoming meeting scheduled to provide an opportunity to review this request in a timely manner. However, the staff liaison to the JAAC reviewed the request and associated recommendation and advised that the JAAC is generally supportive of additional accessible parking stall requests. Staff were also advised to ensure that the additional parking space adheres to the *Integrated Accessible Standard Regulations of the Ontarians with Disabilities Act*, 2005, S.O. 2005, c.11.

Public Works has no objection to the creation of an accessible parking stall at this location. A sign and stall painting will be required, and Public Works will arrange for this upon approval.

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### **Financial Implications:**

One sign indicating an accessible parking space for persons with disabilities will need to be installed as well as marking out and painting the stall and the disabled parking permit symbol. The cost associated will be absorbed within the current operating budget of the City.

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### **Conclusion:**

Based on the above noted information, staff are recommending that an accessible stall be implemented on Fares Street.

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### **Appendices:**

- a. Draft by-law amendments to By-law 89-2000, Being a By-law to Regulating Traffic and Parking on City Roads, and By-law 4310/146/02, Being a By-law Prescribing On and Off Street Parking for Persons with Disabilities within the City of Port Colborne
- b. DeWitt Carter Public School, written request dated September 9, 2021
- c. Aerial view of area

Respectfully submitted,

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### **Report Approval:**

All reports reviewed and approved by the Department Director and also the City Treasurer when relevant. Final review and approval by the Chief Administrative Officer.