

## **MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** 4/2/24

To: Municipal Services Committee

**From:** Eric Lom, P.E., City Traffic Engineer

**Subject:** Proposed parking change on Maple St (400E)

Follow-up to a 6-month evaluation period

In response to concerns raised by residents, the City's Traffic Section assessed the possibility of removing the existing two-hour parking restriction (7 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Sat/Sun/Hol) on both sides of Maple Street, from Jefferson Street to Jackson Street. Many of the residents felt the restriction was no longer needed.

Based on our records, this restriction was added in 2013 in response to requests from property owners on the block. At that time, the St. Elizabeth Hospital bed tower was under construction, which was creating widespread on-street parking issues in the area. Since that project has been in completed for a number of years, we felt the parking restriction in question could likely be removed without any significant downside. To that end, staff initiated a six-month evaluation period in October of 2023 to test removal of the restriction.

We have not received any feedback from the community, and the lack of the two-hour restriction has not raised any concerns by DPW staff. Based on this, we recommend the changes be made permanent.

To accomplish this, the following ordinance action is required:

1. **Repeal Ord. 19-14**: "Parking be restricted to two hours from 7:00m a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays, on Maple Street from Jefferson Street to Jackson Street."