SUBJECT: Proposed "No Parking" Regulation on the west side of Cross Street, north of Park Street, in front of St. Paul's United Church, Dundas (PED06118/PW06046) (Ward 13)

RECOMMENDATION:

(a) That a “No Parking Anytime” regulation be implemented on the west side of Cross Street from Park Street to a point 44 metres northerly therefrom.

(b) That the by-law attached as Appendix “A” to Report PED06118/PW06046 to amend the City of Hamilton Parking By-law 01-218 be passed and enacted.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

A review of the collision history at the intersection of Cross and Park Streets indicates that 16 collisions have been reported to the Hamilton Police Service at this intersection over the past 10 years. Eleven of these collisions involved vehicles travelling south on
Cross Street where the motorist on Park Street failed to yield the right-of-way after stopping for the stop sign.

Staff has reviewed various options to improve safety; the most appropriate being the extension of an existing 17 metre corner clearance to further improve visibility at the intersection.

**BACKGROUND:**

Public Works staff has received a concern about safety at the intersection of Cross and Park Streets in Dundas and found that a collision problem does exist. A number of suggested improvements were investigated including the suggestion of an all-way stop. However, staff is not recommending this option as it would create additional safety concerns especially for pedestrians because the grade of Cross Street is such that motorists may have problems stopping for a stop sign. An appropriate safety measure, however, would be the extension of an existing corner clearance on the west side of Cross Street directly in front of St. Paul’s United Church to improve visibility at the intersection.

At the Dundas Community Council meeting of February 22, 2006, concerns were expressed about the possible loss of four parking spaces. Public Works staff advised that safety is the overriding issue, but that a “No Parking” corner clearance, rather than the standard “No Stopping” could be supported in order to allow loading to continue for church functions.

David Ivey, Chair of the Worship Committee at St. Paul’s United Church, expressed concerns about staff’s recommendation to remove parking spaces on Cross Street immediately in front of the church as St. Paul’s has many groups that rent and use the church that rely on on-street parking. Mr. Ivey was concerned about parking in an area generally used for funerals, weddings and special events that take place at the church. While loading and unloading is legal in any “No Parking” area, he does not support the removal of the parking from in front of the church.

**ANALYSIS/RATIONALE:**

While a full-time stopping prohibition would normally be implemented, staff understands the concerns of the church and could agree to the use of a “No Parking” zone to eliminate long-term parking so as to improve visibility for most of the day.

In addition to the “No Parking” zone staff has also:

- added stop signs (on the left and right sides of Park Street in both directions)
- increased the size of the stop signs for increased visibility
- installed cat-tails with high intensity reflective tape below each of the stop signs
- agreed to repaint all pavement markings at the intersection this Spring.
ALTERTNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION:

Maintaining status quo is not recommended as there is a documented safety concern at this intersection.

An all-way stop control has been discussed as an alternative. Staff has evaluated this option and determined that due to the grade of Cross Street, other safety problems would result, especially for pedestrians.

Staff will also be investigating the possibility of bump outs on all four legs of the intersection of Cross and Park Streets as part of a proposed neighbourhood traffic study planned for 2007. The reinstatement of parking spaces will also be considered if the curbs are to be realized.

FINANCIAL/STAFFING/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Funding is available in the 2006 Hamilton Municipal Parking System budget for installing the recommended “No Parking” signs.

POLICIES AFFECTING PROPOSAL:

N/A

RELEVANT CONSULTATION:

Staff has consulted with Councillor Samson as well as attending a meeting of the Dundas Community Council.

CITY STRATEGIC COMMITMENT:

By evaluating the “Triple Bottom Line”, (community, environment, economic implications) we can make choices that create value across all three bottom lines, moving us closer to our vision for a sustainable community, and Provincial interests.

Community Well-Being is enhanced.  □ Yes  ✔ No

Environmental Well-Being is enhanced.  ✔ Yes  □ No
Human health and safety are protected.

Economic Well-Being is enhanced.  □ Yes  ✔ No

Does the option you are recommending create value across all three bottom lines?  □ Yes  ✔ No
Do the options you are recommending make Hamilton a City of choice for high performance public servants? □Yes ☑No

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Attach. (1)
CITY OF HAMILTON

BY-LAW NO. 06-

To Amend By-law No. 01-218, as amended,
Being a By-law To Regulate On-Street Parking

WHEREAS Section 11(1)1 of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, Chapter 25, as amended, confers upon the councils of all municipalities the power to enact by-laws for regulating parking and traffic on highways subject to the Highway Traffic Act;

AND WHEREAS on the 18th day of September, 2001, the Council of the City of Hamilton enacted By-law No. 01-218 to regulate on-street parking;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to amend By-law No. 01-218, as amended.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Hamilton enacts as follows:

1. Schedule 8 (No Parking Zones) of By-law No. 01-218, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding to Section "B" thereof the following item, namely:

   “Cross West Park to 44m northerly Anytime”

2. Subject to the amendments made in this By-law, in all other respects, By-law No. 01-218, including all Schedules thereto, as amended, is hereby confirmed unchanged.

3. This By-law shall come into force and take effect on the date of its passing and enactment.

PASSED and ENACTED this day of , 2006.

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MAYOR                                         CLERK
Subject Location
Cross Street @ Park Street
Dundas: Proposed No Parking Regulation