Council Direction:

City Council, at its meeting of June 9, 2010, received a petition from residents of Fall Fair Way and Pumpkin Pass in Binbrook opposing on-street parking restrictions for both of those roadways. Staff were directed to prepare a report to the Public Works and Economic Development and Planning Committees to address the resident concerns and their need to park on Fall Fair Way and on Pumpkin Pass.

Information:

The 2004 Council approved Binbrook Village Transportation Master Plan (BVTMP) designated that Fall Fair Way, when constructed, would function as a Community Collector Road with four lanes of traffic and on-street bike lanes along its entire length between Binbrook Road and Regional Road 56. The BVTMP also noted that on-street parking would not be permitted on Fall Fair Way. The initial phase of construction of Fall Fair Way by the residential developer occurred in 2007 between Binbrook Road and a point approximately 230 metres north of Pumpkin Pass. The bike lanes and restrictive parking regulation signs were not installed at that time as is the case with most development road ways. In 2010 the final segment of Fall Fair Way commenced construction. In preparation for completion of the road network and the painting of the lane lines and bike lanes, the No Parking signs were installed concurrently with preparation of the required By-law from the Hamilton Municipal Parking Office.

Upon installation of the No Parking signs the residents in the townhouse developments adjacent to the roadway objected. The residents indicated that they did not have adequate parking facilities in their residential developments and that the Condominium Agreements prohibited visitor parking on the property. A petition was subsequently submitted through City Council on June 9, 2010. City staff considered options to
increase the potential for on-street parking while still maintaining the on-street bicycle network that had been planned through both the BVTMP and the Binbrook Secondary Plan. The majority of Fall Fair Way had already been constructed, and the curb lines and sidewalks had been established, therefore physical alterations to the width of the road was not considered an option.

Traffic Engineering and Development Engineering staff reviewed the originally approved road design as well as the traffic volumes expected on Fall Fair Way in the interim and ultimate build out phases of the Binbrook community. Staff agreed that the planned four lane cross-section of Fall Fair Way constructed in 2007 could be reduced to a two lane cross-section with specific areas allocated for on-street parking. On-street bike lanes would still be provided throughout the entire length. We note that the section of Fall Fair Way constructed and opened to the public in 2010 will remain as a four lane roadway and will be posted with No Parking restrictions. The proposed revision, to include on-street parking, can be accomplished through pavement marking design and appropriately designated No Parking By-laws and signage.

Public Works and Planning and Economic Development staff involved in the review of additional new subdivisions and site plan developments are providing extensive comments at the rezoning and site plan stage pertaining to required on site parking. Staff are ensuring that the development community provide sufficient on site parking for their medium density developments, and appropriate on-street parking for narrow width lots on local and neighbourhood collector roads. Staff have been recommending that developers on the new portion of Fall Fair Way include a clause in their Purchase and Sale Agreements advising buyers that two parking spaces per unit are provided by the developer and that parking will not be permitted on Fall Fair Way.

By copy of this report to Hamilton Municipal Parking Services staff, we request that they prepare the necessary By-law to implement parking restrictions for Fall Fair Way only adjacent to intersections, along the frontage of the City park at Binbrook Road, and at specific areas where on-street parking will impact on driver sightlines as indicated on the plan attached as Appendix “A”.

Pumpkin Pass is identified as a collector road in the Binbrook Village Transportation Master Plan (BVTMP), however it is a standard width residential collector road and there was no recommendation in the report to restrict on-street parking for the entire length. The new Bellmore Elementary School under construction on Pumpkin Pass just west of Fall Fair Way will require parking restrictions upon opening in September 2012. The standard school zone restriction prohibits parking on the school side of the street from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday. If the school requires a bus loading area then additional restrictions may apply. Hamilton Municipal Parking Services staff are currently reviewing the on-street parking situation on Pumpkin Pass and will be presenting a By-law report to Committee and Council towards the end of April.

Appendix “A” includes a map of the subject roadways.
Note: limits of on street parking to be confirmed on Pumpkin Pass by the Hamilton Municipal Parking Office