SUBJECT: Parking Regulations in Hess Village (PED09230) (Ward 2)

RECOMMENDATION:

(a) That a “Taxi Zone, 1:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m., Friday and Saturday” regulation be implemented on the south side of King Street from Queen Street to Caroline Street.

(b) That a “Taxi Zone, 1:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m., Friday and Saturday” regulation be implemented on the north side of Main Street from Queen Street to Caroline Street.

(c) That a “No Stopping, 9:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m., Friday and Saturday” regulation be implemented on both sides of Hess Street between Main Street and King Street, in the existing metered parking areas.

(d) That a “No Stopping, 9:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m., Friday and Saturday” regulation be implemented on the south side of George Street between Hess Street and Caroline Street, and on the north side of George Street in the of metered parking area.

(e) That the existing “Taxi Zone, 6:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m., Monday to Sunday” regulation on the east side of Queen Street between George Street and King Street be deleted.
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

To facilitate timely and orderly exits of patrons from Hess Village during peak times, one recommendation of the Hess Village Review report (Report PED09127), approved by City Council on May 27, 2009, was that “Parking and By-law Services Division staff in consultation with Public Works and Hamilton Police Services be directed to report on creating taxi lanes and targeted parking restrictions in the area, along with reviewing refreshment vehicle hours and locations”.

This report recommends that the by-law to regulate on-street parking be amended by creating new staging and loading facilities for taxicabs and to prohibit the stopping of vehicles in critical areas at critical times.

Due to the recommended taxi/parking changes, staff intends to monitor the refreshment vehicle hours and locations, in consultation with the Hamilton Police Service, over the Summer and to recommend changes to the Refreshment Vehicle Schedule of the Licensing By-Law if necessary.

BACKGROUND:

The Hess Village Entertainment District is defined as the area bounded by King Street to the north, Caroline Street to the east, Main Street to the south, and Queen Street to the west. All of the streets located within the defined boundary are currently controlled by some form of parking restriction (i.e. parking meters, No Parking or No Stopping, etc.).

During the comprehensive review of Hess Village this past Spring, the Hamilton Police Service expressed concern that the dispersal of patrons at the end of the night is encumbered by parked vehicles and that queuing taxicabs contribute to public safety and nuisance incidents.

ANALYSIS/RATIONALE:

Staff in consultation with the Hamilton Police Service have reviewed the area and recommend new dedicated Taxi Zone spaces on Main and King Streets from Caroline to Queen Streets from 1:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m. as shown on the map attached as Appendix “B” to this report.
It is also recommended that the existing Taxi Zone on the east side Queen Street between King and George Streets be removed to improve traffic flow on Queen Street.

There are currently parking meters on both sides of Hess Street between King and Main Streets. As well, parking meters, “No Parking” and “No Stopping” regulations are on George Street between Hess and Caroline Streets. However, the Hamilton Police Service has expressed concern that parked/stopped vehicles on these streets contribute to public safety issues during crowded times/conditions. Therefore, it is recommended that stopping be prohibited on both sides of Hess Street and George Street from 9:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. The small section of “No Stopping Anytime” on George Street will remain.

**ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION:**

City Council could choose to not approve the changes and retain status quo, but this is not recommended for reasons of public safety.

**FINANCIAL/STAFFING/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Financial: Costs associated with changes to the signed regulations as recommended can be accommodated in the current budget.

Staffing: N/A

Legal: The By-law to regulate on-street parking will need to be amended.

**POLICIES AFFECTING PROPOSAL:**

N/A

**RELEVANT CONSULTATION:**

Public Works
Hamilton Police Service

**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

The recommendations are in the interest of a healthy, safe and prosperous community.

Environmental Well-Being is enhanced. ☑ Yes ☐ No

The recommendations are in the interest of a healthy, safe and prosperous community.
Economic Well-Being is enhanced.  ☑ Yes  ☐ No

The recommendations are in the interest of a healthy, safe and prosperous community.

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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Attachs. (2)
CITY OF HAMILTON

BY-LAW NO. 09-

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 13 (No Stopping Zones) of By-law No. 01-218, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding to Section "E" thereof the following items, namely:

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“George Both Hess to Caroline 9:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. Friday & Saturday
Hess Both Main to King 9:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m.”
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2. Schedule 16 (Taxi Zones) of By-law No. 01-218, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding to Section "E" thereof the following items, namely:

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“King South Queen to Caroline 1:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m. Friday & Saturday
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Main North Queen to Caroline 1:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m.”
Friday & Saturday

and by deleting from Section "E" thereof the following item, namely:

“Queen East King to George 6:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m.”

3. 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.

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

PASSED and ENACTED this day of , 2009.

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Fred Eisenberger                  Kevin C. Christenson
Mayor                             City Clerk
Proposed Parking Regulation Changes in the Hess Village area.

"Taxi Zone" on N/S of Main and S/S King from 1am to 4am Friday to Saturday. The boundaries would be from Queen to Caroline.

"No Stopping" 9pm to 4am Friday to Saturday on both sides of Hess from Main to King, and on both sides of George from Hess to Caroline, this would be the parking bays.

Taxi Zone to be deleted.