



Regular Meeting of Council
Addendum

Date: November 23, 2020
Time: 1:00 pm
Location: Council Chambers Level 2, City Hall

Due to COVID-19 this meeting will be conducted as a virtual meeting, with no public attendance. Only the Mayor, along with a clerk and audio/visual technician, will be in council chambers, with all other staff and members of council participating in the meeting by calling in remotely. The meeting will be live web streamed, as usual, and archived on the city website.

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9. Delegations:

- 9.1. *Bob Ankrett will speak regarding Veteran Square: naming of the area around Burlington Cenotaph (ADM-13-20)*
- 9.2. *Anne and Dave Marsden will speak regarding Future of LaSalle Park (L-32-20)*

16. Motion to Receive and File Information Items:

- 16.4. *Delegation notes from Bob Ankrett regarding Veteran Square: naming of the area around Burlington Cenotaph (ADM-13-20)* 1 - 1
- 16.5. *Correspondence from Brian Dean representing Burlington Downtown Business Association regarding Parking fees waived for 90 min in downtown Burlington (ADM-12-20))* 2 - 3
- 16.6. *Correspondence from Robert Steven, Chair, Burlington Downtown Parking Advisory Committee regarding Parking fees waived for 90 min in Downtown Burlington (ADM-12-20)* 4 - 4

Delegation notes from Bob Ankrett regarding Veteran Square: naming of the area around Burlington Cenotaph (ADM-13-20)

My name is Bob Ankrett and I am the City Liaison for the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 60 in Burlington. The purpose of me being here today is to advocate naming the area around the Cenotaph "Veteran Square". You can find two flags behind the Cenotaph and behind those two flags two VIMY Oak trees can be found that the City and the Legion planted on the anniversary of the WW 1 battle. The Cenotaph is used only once a year on Nov. 11th but really to every Veteran in Canada Remembrance Day is every day. It is time we as a community put a name on the unnamed area around this monument to our fallen. I have given Lisa Kearns some letters from various groups that advocate the name "Veteran Square". It is time to do this. If not now when?

It is my wish that this area would be used by various groups to inform Burlington of what they do for the City. An example would be an announcement of First Responders putting on an event and being included in the Veteran Group name. We need good news. This is it.

It is a small thing to some that perhaps make the decision but to others it is an important message.

In closing November is Veteran Month and I would like to thank Ward Two Councillor Lisa Kearns for all the work she has done working with the Royal Canadian Legion on the naming of the Square and support for informing Burlington that they could safely watch the Remembrance Day Ceremony at home. I would like to also thank our Mayor for her continued support for the Royal Canadian Legion over the years. Too often these things go unsaid. Finally I would like to say I think it would be a great idea to end Veteran Month with such a warm hearted and respectful announcement.

Bob Ankrett



BURLINGTON DOWNTOWN

Attn: Kevin Arjoon, Burlington City Clerk

Friday November 20th, 2020

Re: Parking Fees Waived for 90min in Downtown Burlington – Municipal Officer's Report ADM-12-20

Please accept this letter of support for the aforementioned Municipal Officers support tabled at the City Council meeting of Monday November 23, 2020 from the Burlington Downtown Business Association (BDBA).

The Burlington Downtown Business Association is representative of more than 400 small business owners and operators in our City and contributes in excess of \$300,000 annually to the Defined Parking Area Fund.

The Board has learned that its member businesses are re-inventing their models for delivering goods and services to their patrons in light of the COVID 19 pandemic. Businesses are experiencing a dynamic shift in customer and employee behaviours and parking needs. Many have reached out to the BDBA Board, as the spokespeople for the small business community Downtown, to encourage changes to downtown parking operations that reflect the new realities of commerce during the pandemic.

Recent discussions with the membership resulted in the following motion, passed unanimously by the BDBA Board on Wednesday November 4, 2020:

“Direct Burlington Downtown Business Association’s representative on the Downtown Parking Advisory Committee to table the following: to waive parking fees for the first ninety minutes for all public on-street and off-street parking assets Downtown as a temporary emergency recovery measure. That the cost for the offset of these fees be expensed to the City’s Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund or Parking Reserve Fund. Further, that this operational change be implemented as soon as possible”

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This motion was successfully passed at the Downtown Parking Committee of November 5, 2020.

Burlington's small business community continues to suffer the catastrophic effects of the COVID 19 pandemic daily. We are encouraged by the success of the several municipal initiatives that have been enacted since March 2020 that resulted in changes to Downtown parking operations in step with the provincial re-opening of the economy.

Our fervent belief is that the waiving of fees for ninety minutes Downtown, as an emergency measure, will inspire consumer confidence in our business community and help to mitigate the loss of revenues expected this year and into 2021.

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Respectfully submitted,

Mark Eade

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Mark Eade, Chair- Board of Directors

Burlington Downtown Business Association

MEMORANDUM of RECOMMENDATION

TO: Kevin Arjoon, City Clerk, City of Burlington

FROM: Robert Steven, Chair, Burlington Downtown Parking Advisory Committee

DATE: 20 November 2020

RE: Municipal Officer's Report ADM-12-20

This is to confirm that the Downtown Parking Committee heard recommendations regarding parking fees in Downtown Burlington in the context of the coronavirus pandemic that were brought from the Board of Directors of the Burlington Downtown Business Association at our most recent meeting on 5 November 2020.

The recommendations were examined and discussed at length, and by vote of the majority, the Committee resolved as follows:

As per the request of the BDBA, THAT the DPC committee recommend that the City of Burlington waive the parking fees for 90 minutes in any public on-street and off-street parking asset Downtown as a temporary COVID emergency recovery measure.

IN FAVOUR: 3
OPPOSED: 1
ABSTAINING: 1 (Chair)
CARRIED

And separately:

As per the request of the BDBA, THAT the DPC committee recommend that the City of Burlington offset the impact of COVID parking waiver through the City's Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund or Parking District Reserve Fund.

IN FAVOUR: 3
OPPOSED: 1
ABSTAINING: 1 (Chair)

Based on the Committee's deliberations and resolutions, I write to recommend, on behalf of the Downtown Parking Committee, that the City of Burlington waive the parking fees for 90 minutes in any public on-street and off-street parking asset Downtown as a temporary COVID emergency recovery measure.

I also write to recommend that the City of Burlington offset the impact of COVID parking waiver through the City's Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund or Parking District Reserve Fund.

Please consider me to be at your service should you require any additional information regarding the Committee's review of this matter,



Robert Steven, Chair