

City of Burlington

City-wide Parking Standards Review



Introduction

- IBI Group was retained in December 2015 to complete the City-wide Parking Review
- The intent of the study was to recommend updates to the existing off-street parking standards by applying best practices in parking standards development
- The IBI Report was completed in July 2017
- The Report was received by Council in October 2017 and staff were directed to solicit input and report back with recommended rates



IBI Report Contents

- The recommendations in the IBI Report are based on observations (parking surveys), peer best practices, current trends, and alignment with higher level strategic objectives
- IBI completed 400 parking surveys at times of peak and typical parking demand periods. They also used comparative parking rates for each land use based on other mid-sized municipalities in Ontario
- A copy of the IBI Report can be found on Burlington's web site:

www.burlington.ca/parkingreview



Public Engagement

- Newspaper ads, social media posts and media releases were completed in the Fall of 2017
- Articles ran in the Hamilton Spectator, Burlington Post, the BEDC newsletter and City Talk directing responses to the project web page
- Presentations were made to the Housing Development Liaison Committee, Downtown Parking Committee, Accessibility Advisory Committee, Downtown Business Association and the Seniors Advisory Committee
- 13 submissions were received which are attached to the report as Appendix 3



Public Engagement

General commenting themes were:

-Rates:

- Proposed parking rates are too high
- The market should decide parking rates
- Eliminate minimum parking rates altogether
- Do not reduce parking rates
- Do not change accessible parking requirements

-Concerns with study methodology

-Concerns with proposed design standards for drive aisle and stall size

-Requests for improved public transit to reduce auto use



Implementation Plan:

- Proposed parking rates for intensification areas are to be referred to the mobility hubs study process.
- Proposed design changes are to be reviewed with the Burlington Urban Design Advisory Panel prior to implementation.
- Further discussions of accessible parking rates will take place with the Accessibility Advisory Committee and Accessibility Coordinator
- The City-wide parking rates recommended by the IBI Report be incorporated into Zoning By-law 2020



Next Steps

- Council direction to amend Zoning By-law 2020 to implement the parking rates recommended by IBI Group.
- Zoning By-law amendments will be brought back to Council in Q3 at a formal statutory public meeting.
- Staff will continue to monitor and amend parking rates at regular intervals to ensure that they remain current and appropriate.

