



SUBJECT: Beachway Park parking update
TO: Environment, Infrastructure & Community Services Cttee.
FROM: Transportation Services Department

Report Number: TS-07-21

Wards Affected: 1

File Numbers: 745-03

Date to Committee: May 6, 2021

Date to Council: May 18, 2021

Recommendation:

Direct the Director of Roads, Parks and Forestry to install landscape stone and flower planters in the proximity of the Trans Northern Pipeline as outlined in transportation services department report TS-07-21.

PURPOSE:

Vision to Focus Alignment:

- Increase economic prosperity and community responsive city growth
- Support sustainable infrastructure and a resilient environment
- Building more citizen engagement, community health and culture
- Deliver customer centric services with a focus on efficiency and technology transformation

Background and Discussion:

On Thursday, April 8th, 2021, staff presented recommendations contained in report TS-04-21 to the Environment, Infrastructure and Community Services Committee related to parking and traffic measures at Beachway and Lowville Park. Staff were directed as follows:

Refer the discussion of treatment options to protect the pipeline to the May 6th meeting of EICS committee with staff providing options discussed that include costing.

Transportation Services and Roads, Parks and Forestry staff have reviewed the area in and around Beachway Park to determine where barricades should be placed to detour illegal and unsafe parking behaviour, while considering the protection of the Trans Northern Pipeline, that is cost effective and aesthetically appealing.

After further review, staff recommend installing landscape stone and flower planters in proximity of the Trans Northern Pipeline, only. The planters would be placed only at key locations i.e.: entrances where they will have the most impact. Landscape stone costs will be mitigated by using an allotment of stones from our existing inventory. This application will reduce the cost significantly for a one-time cost of \$70,000 and ongoing annual operating costs of \$40,000 (equipment and labour) totaling approximately \$110,000. Procurement of additional landscape stone and flower planters will be required, which may delay full installation by 2-3 months and in that regard, staff recommend installing wood barricades in the interim similar to the approach taken in 2020.

Historically, staff have observed illegal and unsafe parking patterns in the surrounding area and to mitigate this practice, staff are committed to a zero-tolerance enforcement approach. Staff will add additional tow-away zone signage along Lakeshore Road, arrange for a tow truck to be on stand-by for the first few weekends and as well, request HRPS for on-site assistance if required. Staff can also review the option to increase fines but believe having a zero-tolerance enforcement approach will minimize illegal visitor parking.

Financial Matters:

	Beachway
One-time Costs	Purchase & Install landscape stone & flower planters: \$70,000
Funding Source	One-time items such as landscape stone & flower planters would be funded from COVID funding.
Annual Costs	Staff time & planter material: \$40,000
Total Costs	\$110,000

Source of Funding

The one-time items for Beachway park will be funded from COVID funding.

Staff recommend that Roads, Parks and Forestry include in the 2022 budget the cost to annually plant and maintain flower planters, which is approx. \$40,000 per year.

Climate Implications

A zero-tolerance approach towards illegal parking will encourage park users to find alternative parking locations and use active modes of transportation which will contribute to improve air quality.

Engagement Matters:

Staff are committed to providing residents and visitors alike regular communication about the new service offerings and zero-tolerance enforcement approach through the City's website, signage, social media and news outlets.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, staff believe implementing these measures is cost effective and aesthetically appealing, while still successfully protecting the TNPI and the public.

Respectfully submitted,

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Report Approval:

All reports are reviewed and/or approved by Department Director, the Chief Financial Officer and the Executive Director of Legal Services & Corporation Counsel.