

Town invites public input on controversial parking bylaw

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Anyone with a beef about Town parking now has the opportunity to air it during a review of the Town's current Uniform Traffic Control bylaw.

Public comment through letter or e-mail is being accepted until January 19.

It's the first time the Town's parking policy has been comprehensively reviewed since the bylaw's 1984 inception.

But parking has been a nagging issue at council since enforcement was stepped up through the hiring of the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires in 1999.

At that time, one officer was retained to work 21 hours a week, patrolling the streets and responding to complaints.

That resulted in a slew of complaints. Complainants appear to be divided between anger at receiving tickets and anger at those who are

illegally parked.

"There have been a couple of issues that have come up in the last year or two that can't be resolved with an amendment to the current bylaw," said Town Engineer Peter Linn.

Currently, there's a three-hour parking limit throughout the town.

And between the hours of 2 and 7 a.m. from November 15 to April 15, cars aren't allowed to park on the roads at all in order for snow plows to get through.

"It's difficult to plow the roads with cars there," said Mr. Linn. "It causes problems for us and the people who live there."

But parking problems have plagued the town since cars have become more prevalent than many streets had planned for.

"People who live in the older part of town, things have changed since their houses were built," said Mr. Linn. "Some people have three or four cars and there's no room for them on their driveway."

And some Milton streets are just too narrow to permit parking.

In those areas, on-street parking creates a hazard both for children crossing the road and for emergency vehicles attempting to squeeze through on the way to a call.

Those who try to park too many cars in their driveway may also be in contravention of the bylaw if a vehicle overhangs the road or sidewalk.

In other words, something has to be done, and the town is hoping residents will let them know what they think the solution is.

One option the Town is looking at is issuing parking permits to drivers who meet certain criteria.

Written comments can be dropped off or mailed to Peter Linn at Town Hall, 43 Brown St., L9T 5H2. Or he can be e-mailed at peter.linn@town.Milton.on.ca.

A draft report of the parking overview is expected to go before the town's community services committee in February, with a final version appearing before council as early as February 26.

Robbie Burns celebration hosted

The Town of Milton will host an evening of pomp and ceremony in celebration of Scottish poet Robbie Burns Saturday, Jan. 20.

The event, which will take place

at the Milton Seniors' Activity Centre on Childs Drive, starts at 6 p.m. with a social hour.

Festivities will continue at 7 p.m. with bagpipes, toasts, speeches,

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