Main St. to lose parking space for safety reasons

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The Champion

A single parking spot is set to be removed from the downtown core — where parking for the most part is considered limited — for safety reasons.

On Monday night, the Town's community services committee recommended removing a parking spot on Main Street East in front of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC).

The bank manager, according to a staff report, expressed concern to the Town that a vehicle parked in the spot makes it difficult for motorists who exit the bank to see westbound traffic along Main Street because of obstructed sight lines.

In fact, the manager said the bank lost some customers as a result of this safety issue.

"This is of particular concern especially when a van, pick-up truck or SUV is parked in this location," the report stated, and creates "an extremely dangerous situation."

Heide Schlegl, the Town's coordinator of traffic and transit, said in an interview she went to the bank and tried exiting onto Main Street to get a sense of the problem.

"I went there once and it was pretty scary," she said, noting there has been at least one accident she knows of at that location, though it wasn't serious.

Ms Schlegl said recommending the removal of a parking spot in the core — when "parking is at a prime down there" — wasn't made lightly

"It's not something we want to do, but when it comes to safety issues we have no choice," she said. "Safety's first."

The \$150 worth of signage prohibiting parking in front the CIBC would go up next month if the recommendation gets ratified by town council at its May 26 meeting.

Mayor Gord Krantz told the committee he's cognizant of supporting a decision that involves impacting parking availability in the core.

"I just don't want the public to think we haven't thought about that," he said.

"I'm always conscientious of losing even one parking spot downtown."

In an interview, Mr. Krantz said the Town is working to create more parking space in the downtown.

Recently the Town finalized an \$800,000 deal to buy three properties across from Town Hall on Mary Street with the intent of using the half-acre space for parking.

Two buildings currently sit on the site while another is vacant.

The area would be available for

downtown visitors and to accommodate the need for extra parking should the proposed Town Hall expansion proceed, said Town CAO Mario Belvedere.

Depending on how the parking lot is configured and if the two buildings can eventually be relocated, between 60 to 80 spots could be created.

In the meantime, in the next couple of months, Mr. Belvedere said the Town hopes to create 24 parking spots on the vacant piece of land.

Patricia Flannagan, chair of the Downtown Business Improvement Area, said she recognizes CIBC's safety concern.

But the fact is the core risks losing a parking space when parking is already "limited."

"There are certainly people who have complained about parking downtown."

Ms Flannagan reminded visitors there are two public parking lots downtown — on Mary and Mill streets — to use.

"A lot of times they're empty," she said, adding she's encouraged that the Town intends to build more parking spots.

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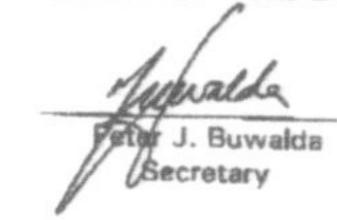
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting of the members of Prosperity One Credit Union Limited (the "Credit Union"), will be held at the Conference Centre of the Ramada Inn, 161 Chisholm Drive, Milton, Ontario, on Wednesday, May 19, 2004, at 7:30 p.m. Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Special Business at the Special Meeting of Members:

- 1. To consider and, if thought advisable, to confirm by special resolution, pursuant to section 107(1) of the Credit Unions and Caisses Populaires Act, 1994 (the "Act"), an amendment to the Credit Union's by-laws already approved by its Board of Directors, reducing the quorum requirement for a meeting of the holders of the Credit Union's Class C Special Shares, and of its Class D Special Shares. The text of the proposed special resolution is available in all offices of the Credit Union.
- 2. To consider and, if thought advisable, to pass, pursuant to section 309 of the Credit Unions and Caisses Populaires Act, 1994 (the "Act"), a special resolution approving the Credit Union's proposed amalgamation with TEAME Credit Union Limited ("TEAME"), and the carrying on of business thereafter with TEAME as one amalgamated credit union, which shall be known as Prosperity One Credit Union Limited, pursuant to the terms and conditions of an amalgamation agreement between the Credit Union and TEAME dated as of the 11th day of February, 2004. The text of the proposed special resolution is available in all offices of the Credit Union.
- 3. To conduct such further and other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournments thereof.

DATED the 28th day of April, 2004.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD



Notes:

- The resolutions to be considered at this meeting are special resolutions. The special resolutions require the approval of at least two-thirds of the members of the Credit Union presented at the Special Meeting in person, or, as permitted by the Act and by the Credit Union's by-laws, represented at the Special Meeting by proxy, and voting.
- Only members of the Credit Union, according to its records as of April 30th, 2004 (the "Record Date" according to the credit Union's by-laws), shall be entitled to notice of the meeting.



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