

**STAFF REPORT: Engineering & Public Works Department**



**REPORT TO:** Engineering & Public Works Committee  
**MEETING DATE:** September 23, 2008  
**REPORT NO.:** EPW.08.101  
**SUBJECT:** Short Term Parking at PJ MART in Clarksburg  
**PREPARED BY:** Jim McCannell, Manager of Roads and Drainage Division

**A. Recommendations**

THAT Council authorize Staff to request the County of Grey to provide two (2) short term parking spaces on Marsh Street in front of the PJ Mart convenience store in Clarksburg, as outlined in Report EPW.08.101.

**B. Background**

The owner of the PJ Mart convenience store AT 200 Marsh Street has noted that patrons of the other businesses along the Clarksburg downtown are parking for long periods of time and using the parking spaces in front of the convenience store. The convenience store relies on spontaneous purchases and their customers require quick and easy access to the store. Patrons using the Marsh Center or the art galleries tend to be using the parking spots for long periods of time putting the PJ Mart convenience store at a disadvantage. It is anticipated that the two spaces directly in front of the PJ Mini Mart would be identified as short term or 15 minute parking. The parking space directly in front of the hair salon next to the convenience store would not be included as short term parking. See Attachment #1. Enforcement would handled by Town By-law Enforcement Staff.

The size of the parking spaces are recommended to be 6.7 m long (22 feet) and 2.6 m wide (8.5ft). The width of a parking space may be increased by 0.3m (1 foot) when one side of the parking space is obstructed.

**C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan**

This By-Law furthers the Town's Strategic Goal #2, "Addressing the Town's municipal infrastructure needs".

**D. Environmental Impacts**

In addition to the short term parking signage, the area would be posted as an "idle free zone". Appropriate signage would be posted.

**E. Budget Impact**

The cost of signage and any line painting would be shared 50/50 with the County.

**F. Attached**

1. Plan showing the proposed location.
2. Picture of the store front.

Respectfully submitted,

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