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STAFF REPORT: Planning



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SUBJECT: Comprehensive Parking Strategy
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A. Recommendations

THAT Council does receive Planning Staff Report #PL.08.54, "Comprehensive Parking Strategy" for information purposes.

B. Background

In October 2006, the Town of The Blue Mountains retained Bob Crews of J. D. Barnes Ltd. to undertake a Comprehensive Parking Strategy. The purpose of the study was to document the historical problems relating to parking within the municipality and to prepare recommendations for future actions. This report serves as an update for Council prior to the consultant's presentation on June 2, 2008.

At the last Steering Committee (consisting of Paul Graham, Chief Administrative Officer, Reg Russwurm, Director of Engineering and Public Works, Robert Cummings, Director of Finance, David Finbow, Director of Building and By-law, Shawn Everitt, Director of Recreation, Peter Tollefsen, Director of Planning, Robert Armstrong, Manger of Development Planning and IS, Jim McCannell, Manager of Roads and Drainage, Councillor Cam Kennedy and Cindy Welsh, Senior Policy Planner) meeting held on April 3, 2008, the *draft Parking Strategy Study Report*, prepared by J. D. Barnes in association with Dillon Consulting, was reviewed.

Staff prepared comments and submitted them to Bob Crews for incorporation into the final report. The consultant is therefore presenting the findings and recommendations with comments made by Council to be incorporated into the final report. The consultant will be providing the final report to the Town after the June 2, 2008, Council presentation. For Council's preliminary review, the DRAFT Table of Contents have been provided for review.

The remaining work which needs to be done for completion of the project includes the following with proposed timeframes:

- June 2008 (date still to be determined) – Final public meeting - presentation of the Parking Strategy.
- July 2008 (date still to be determined) – Final approval of the Study by Council.

Council will be provided with meeting dates and times at the earliest convenience.

C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan

The Comprehensive Parking Strategy project is in keeping with the Town's Strategic Plan, namely:

1. *Managing growth to ensure the ongoing health and prosperity of the community.*

D. Environmental Impacts

A comprehensive municipal parking strategy will support Smart Growth land use planning objectives. Parking improvements can assist towards decreasing emissions.

E. Budget Impact

Part of the Capital 2007 budget approved by Council. Although slightly behind schedule the project is on budget in accordance with the work plan.

F. Attachment

1. *Parking Strategy Study Report DRAFT Table of Contents.*

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