

Appendix B - Staff Report CORS-028-24

Other Options Considered - Not recommended as part of this strategy:

➤ **Changes to On-Street Parking Exceptions (Not recommended)**

The Town currently offers the following three options to obtain on-street parking exceptions to the Town's parking regulations:

- Short-term, on-street parking exceptions: Vehicle owners and operators can temporarily park on the street for longer than five hours or between the hours of 2- 6 a.m. for a maximum of 25 times per calendar year per provincial license plate.
- Extended parking exceptions: Vehicle owners can apply for an extended exception between April 15 and November 15 each year. Extended exceptions may be granted once all 18 short term exceptions have been used and the residential garage is being used for parking. These applications are approved based on specific criteria such as: a delay in house construction, emergency situations or the inability to access the driveway or garage due to a home renovation.
- Special vehicle parking exceptions: Temporary exceptions may be granted to vehicles that are not eligible for short term parking exceptions. These may include commercial vehicles, moving trucks or school/commercial buses.

On-street parking can create challenges for fire vehicle access to properties and it can also impact efficient winter operations (i.e. snow clearing) and other seasonal maintenance on certain streets and areas of the Town. Increasing the number of annual short-term, on-street parking exceptions and potentially increased on-street parking in the community could exacerbate some of these challenges that are already being experienced by staff who are providing these Town services.

➤ **Use of commercial and private property parking as on-street parking relief (Not recommended)**

This option was explored thoroughly by staff and this included discussions with local commercial businesses, places of worship and other community partners. Since parking at commercial establishments is needed for customers, allowing community parking was not an option that business owners wished to explore further. There were also concerns about the management of risk and liability associated with community parking on commercial properties. While some places of worship and community groups met with staff about potential partnerships for on-street parking relief, their respective parking lots were often well-used for services and other community uses at varying times. Therefore, the use of these private parking lots would be a less feasible option for off-street parking options.

➤ **Expanding on-street parking along certain roads (Not recommended)**

Ensuring the safe flow of traffic along roads is essential when parking regulations are established for roads within the community. The Transportation Master Plan Update recommendations will address the future development of a comprehensive parking policy, management and implementation framework for Milton.