Memorandum to the Council of

Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Subject: Proposed Amendment to Schedules A, C, and E of Parking and Traffic By-law 23-1698

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Attachment: None

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Recommendation

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives Memo 2025-M-121 as presented;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve By-law No. 25-1823 to amend Schedules "A", "C", and "E" of By-law 23-1698 to update designated paid parking lots, clarify parking time limits, and introduce overflow paid parking provisions along Lake Temagami Access Road.

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1. Executive Summary

By-law 23-1698 regulates traffic, parking, and heavy truck movement within the Municipality of Temagami. However, supporting Schedules "A", "C", and "E"" lack sufficient detail regarding parking durations, fee structures, and overflow management. This has created enforcement challenges and seasonal congestion, particularly in high-use areas such as the Lake Temagami Access Road.

The proposed by-law amendment aims to modernize the Municipality's parking framework by clearly establishing time limits, clarifying fee structures, and enabling overflow paid parking options. The timing of this update is critical to ensure that the changes are in place prior to the 2025 high-use summer season.

2. Background

In response to recurring concerns from Council and members of the public regarding unmanaged parking across various municipal lots, staff conducted a review of current parking regulations and enforcement limitations. Many residents have also emphasized the need to implement fees to help offset the costs of enforcement and maintenance. As a result, staff are recommending a series of updates to address these issues ahead of the 2025 peak season.

3. Discussion

The following amendments are proposed:

- Schedules "A" and "C"
 - Designate each parking lot as either overnight or day-use, with clearly defined time limits.
 - Specify available fee structures (hourly, daily, weekly, annual) aligned with the Municipality's User Fees By-law.

Schedule "E"

- Introduce paid on-street overflow parking on the south side of Lake Temagami
 Access Road from the municipal lots eastward to Boatline Bay Marine.
- Maintain the existing prohibition on parking along the north side of the roadway.
- Implementation and Signage
 - Install signage at each parking location that includes a QR code directing users to location-specific rules and fee structures.
 - The system will streamline payment and allow for fully municipal-managed enforcement without the need for third-party vendors.

4. Need for Action

Timely Council approval of these amendments is essential to ensure updated parking regulations, signage, and enforcement procedures are in place ahead of the 2025 peak season. Without these changes, staff will continue to face limitations enforcing inconsistent time limits, managing overflow conditions, and recovering costs related to parking infrastructure and maintenance. Public expectations around improved parking access and fairness—particularly along Lake Temagami Access Road—cannot be met under the current framework. Prompt implementation will allow the Municipality to communicate changes clearly to the public, adjust enforcement procedures, and ensure operational readiness before the summer influx begins.

5. Financial Implications

Revenue generated from the updated parking framework is expected to contribute to cost recovery for enforcement, signage, infrastructure upgrades, and seasonal operational needs. These changes are not expected to create additional staffing costs, as enforcement will remain municipally managed and streamlined through updated signage and mobile payment options.

6. Conclusion

The proposed amendments will enhance operational clarity, ensure effective parking management, and reduce seasonal congestion. Implementation ahead of the 2025 high-use season is important to maximize effectiveness and compliance. Staff recommend that Council adopt By-law No. 25-1823 to formalize these updates in advance of the 2025 summer season.