



Municipality of North Grenville

To: **Council**

Meeting Date: June 3, 2025

Subject: Downtown Kemptville Parking Study Update – Accessible and Commercial Loading Spots

Report No: CS-2025-006

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Recommendation(s)

THAT Council receive the Downtown Kemptville Parking Study Progress Report, attached to staff report CS-2025-006, for information purposes.

Executive Summary

Purpose

- To provide Council an update on the Downtown Kemptville Parking Study, particularly with regard to accessible and commercial loading zones.

Key Findings

- Council adopted the Downtown Kemptville Parking Study in 2023.
- Two of the recommendations in the Study were to examine “Commercial Loading Zones on Prescott Street” and “Accessible or Age-Friendly Parking Spaces”.
- Council directed staff to focus on accessible spaces instead of age-friendly spaces.
- Staff are moving forward with two proposed accessible spaces.
- Staff are not moving forward with commercial loading spaces due to a lack of interest from businesses.

Financial Implications

- Financial implications associated with this report are covered in the 2025 budget allocation.

Background/Analysis

The Downtown Kemptville Parking Study recommended adding “Commercial Loading Zones on Prescott Street” and “Accessible or Age-Friendly Parking Spaces”. Council directed staff to explore accessible parking spaces but not age-friendly spaces.

Staff surveyed downtown businesses about their commercial loading needs. Only two (2) businesses responded to the survey, both indicating satisfaction with current loading arrangements. Therefore, staff will not be moving forward with adding commercial loading zones at this time.

North Grenville and Counties of Leeds and Grenville staff have identified two (2) spaces that can be converted to accessible parking spaces. The first is located on Clothier Street near Rotary Park. The second is located on Reuben Street near the Prescott Street intersection. See the “Proposed Accessible Parking Spaces” document attached and illustrating the two locations. Both locations were chosen due to their centralized locations to a variety of downtown businesses and the ability to accommodate rear-entry accessible vehicles.

These locations will be signed and painted to indicate them as accessible parking spaces. Additionally, the sidewalks will be depressed to accommodate side-entry into vehicles.

Relevance to Strategic Priorities

Strategic Pillar	Pillar #3 - Diverse and Resilient Economic Development
Goal	Goal #3.3 - Diversify and Promote the Downtown Core
Key Action	Action #3.3.2 - Develop a Downtown Revitalization Plan

Options and Discussion

1. Approve the recommendation (recommended)
2. Do not approve the recommendation and provide direction to staff.(As directed by Council)

Financial Impact

This item has been identified in the current budget: Yes **X** No ☐ N/A

This item is within the budgeted amount: Yes **X** No ☐ N/A

Staffing implications, as they relate to implementing Council's decision on this matter, are limited to the existing staff complement and applicable administrative policies as approved by Council.

Internal/External Consultation

Discussions were had with North Grenville Public Works staff, Counties of Leeds and Grenville staff, and the Downtown Kemptville Business Improvement Area.

Communications

Signs will be erected indicating the accessible parking spaces.

Attachments

- Proposed Accessible Parking Locations
- Downtown Kemptville Parking Study Progress Report