

**Municipality of Chatham-Kent**  
**Infrastructure and Engineering Services**  
**Engineering and Transportation Division**

**To:** Mayor and Members of Council  
**From:** Mark Ceppi, Engineering Technologist I  
**Date:** November 3, 2022  
**Subject:** Centre Street Bus Stop Parking Control Modifications – Community of Chatham

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**Recommendations**

It is recommended that:

1. On the east side of Centre Street between School Street and Harvey Street in the Community of Chatham, the on-street parking controls be modified as follows:
  - a) Remove the parking meter spaces.
  - b) Install a No Parking (Anytime – Except Buses) zone.
2. The Municipality of Chatham-Kent Traffic and Parking By-law 245-2004 be amended according to these recommendations.

**Background**

Megabus is an intercity daily express bus service that currently operates routes in Ontario, Quebec, and northeastern United States. In early October 2022, Economic Development Services was contacted by Megabus to discuss their interest in adding the Municipality of Chatham-Kent to their operations. This service would initially include four stops daily (two eastbound, two westbound) starting mid-November of this year.

Economic Development approached Engineering and Transportation staff to identify potential Megabus stop locations. A site near the Ride CK bus terminal at 100 Wellington Street West in the Community of Chatham was deemed the most desirable location. The east side of Centre Street south of the bus terminal was selected for the Megabus stop location. However, on-street parking control modifications are required to accommodate a new bus stop.

All parking controls are regulated under Chatham-Kent Traffic and Parking By-Law 245-2004 under the authority of the *Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990*.

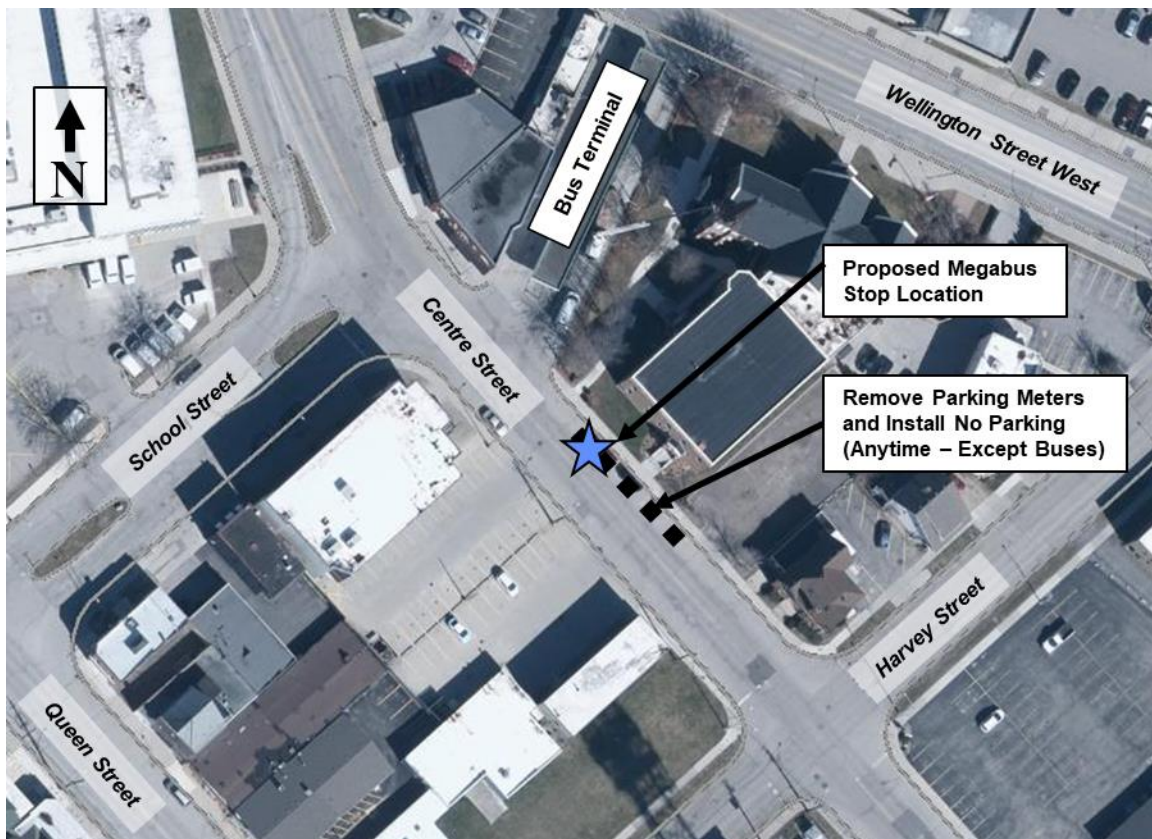
## Comments

The proposed location for the Megabus bus stop is the east side of Centre Street between the Ride CK bus terminal and Harvey Street. This area is currently a parking meter zone with a three hour time limit. To ensure the bus stop is kept clear of parked vehicles the three parking meter spaces need to be replaced with a No Parking zone in affect at all days and times. An exception for buses will also be applied to the zone.

Centre Street has been used by Ride CK buses for terminal staging, overflow, and during dwell times. The new No Parking zone will also be utilized by these buses.

Figure 1 illustrates the proposed locations of these new parking controls on Centre Street.

**Figure 1: New Parking Controls on Centre Street**



A by-law to amend Traffic and Parking By-law 245-2004 based on the recommendations listed in this report is attached to the Council agenda for reading and approval.

### Sign and Meter Installations

Signs will need to be installed for the new parking control zones described in this report. All signs will be installed or adjusted per Ontario Traffic Manual guidelines. Sign installations are expected to be completed and enforceable by December 2022.

Parking meters will be removed once the No Parking signs are installed. The meter posts are in good condition will remain in place on the sidewalk in case they are needed in the future. The posts are not expected to interfere with bus loading and unloading.

### Areas of Strategic Focus and Critical Success Factors

The recommendations in this report support the following areas of strategic focus:

- ☒ Economic Prosperity:  
Chatham-Kent is an innovative and thriving community with a diversified economy
- ☐ A Healthy and Safe Community:  
Chatham-Kent is a healthy and safe community with sustainable population growth
- ☐ People and Culture:  
Chatham-Kent is recognized as a culturally vibrant, dynamic, and creative community
- ☐ Environmental Sustainability:  
Chatham-Kent is a community that is environmentally sustainable and promotes stewardship of our natural resources

The recommendations in this report support the following critical success factors:

- ☐ Financial Sustainability:  
The Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent is financially sustainable
- ☐ Open, Transparent and Effective Governance:  
The Corporation of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent is open, transparent and effectively governed with efficient and bold, visionary leadership
- ☐ Has the potential to support all areas of strategic focus & critical success factors
- ☒ Neutral issues (does not support negatively or positively)

### Consultation

Economic Development staff consulted with businesses along Centre Street about the proposed Megabus service and the parking change required on the road. The

Downtown Chatham Business Improvement Area (BIA) and Chatham-Kent Chamber of Commerce were also consulted. Economic Development indicated the area businesses had no concerns with the proposal and the BIA and Chamber were both in favour of it.

### **Financial Implications**

Removal of the three parking meters on the east side of Centre Street will result in an estimated \$615 per year reduction in revenue. This revenue is part of the Public Works Base Budget.

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Attachment: Appendix A - By-law Amendment

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