



The Corporation of the
City of Sault Ste. Marie

COUNCIL REPORT

February 2, 2026

TO: Mayor Matthew Shoemaker and Members of City Council
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Engineering
DEPARTMENT: Public Works and Engineering Services
RE: Traffic Bylaw Updates 2026

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval of amendments to Traffic By-law 77-200.

Background

Upon review of the Traffic Bylaw, amendments are required in order to accommodate changes due to construction and to address oversight from past updates.

Specifically, certain amendments are to address the changes due to the road diet of Lyons Avenue and include the reduction in speed recommended during the Wallace Terrace environmental assessment. Other amendments are to address changes to Phase 1 of Queen Street and include the adjusted parking bay locations, the addition of accessible parking, the removal of the Spring Street traffic signals, and the addition of a pedestrian crossover and stop signs.

At the June 23, 2025 meeting, Council approved the addition of dedicated parking restricted to Emergency and Authorized vehicles at a location next to Sault Ste. Marie Police Services Division 2 on Brock Street. The police have requested additional space be added south of their driveway entrance.

Analysis

The following text should be **removed** from Section 6 (5) of Bylaw 77-200:

“When properly worded signs have been erected and are on display no person shall park a vehicle on a street at the side and between the limits set out respectively in columns 1,2,3, and 4 of Schedule “AA” - Disabled Persons Parking unless such vehicle bears an authorized permit or licence plate identifying it as being operated by or carrying a physically handicapped person, as defined in by-law 81-367 of the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie.”

And **replaced** with:

“When properly worded signs have been erected and are on display no person shall park a vehicle on a street at the side and between the limits set out respectively in columns 1,2,3, and 4 of Schedule “AA” – Barrier Free Parking unless such vehicle bears a valid accessible parking permit identifying it as being operated by or conveying persons with a disability, as defined in By-law 2008-26 of the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie.”

The following text should be **removed** from Section 16A (5):

“DISABLED PARKING AT METER

1) Despite any other provisions of this by-law but subject to subsections 2 and 3 of this section, where parking meters have been erected under the authority of section 9 of this by-law, any vehicle displaying a disabled person parking permit issued in accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Transportation may park any metered space for a period not exceeding two hours at any one time without depositing the fee required pursuant to section 10 of this by-law.

2) The exemption allowed in subsection 1 applies only so long as the vehicle parked at the metered space is actually in the process of transporting the permit holder.

3) If a vehicle displaying a disabled person parking permit is parked at a meter for up to two (2) hours and the fee required under section 10 of the by-law has not been deposited, then that vehicle shall not be parked at a meter within 200 metres (218 yards) of the first metered space within the next eight (8) hours without first depositing the required fee.”

And **replaced** with:

“ACCESSIBLE PARKING AT METER

1) Despite any other provisions of this by-law but subject to subsections 2 and 3 of this section, where parking meters have been erected under the authority of section 9 of this by-law, any vehicle displaying a valid accessible parking permit identifying it as being operated by or conveying persons with a disability, as defined in By-law 2008-26 of the Corporation of the City of Sault Ste. Marie may park at any metered space for a period not exceeding two hours at any one time without depositing the fee required pursuant to section 10 of this by-law.

2) The exemption allowed in subsection 1 applies only so long as the vehicle parked at the metered space is actually in the process of transporting the permit holder.

3) If a vehicle displaying a valid accessible parking permit is parked at a meter for up to two (2) hours and the fee required under section 10 of the by-law has not been deposited, then that vehicle shall not be parked at a meter within 200 metres (218 yards) of the first metered space within the next eight (8) hours without first depositing the required fee.”

Schedule AA Section 6 – Disabled Persons Parking

Change title of schedule to Schedule AA Section 6 Barrier Free Parking

Remove:

Street	Side	From	To	Prohibited Times or Day
Wellington Street West	South	45 m east of Hudson Street	3 m east of Hudson Street	Sun 0:00 to 2:00h
White Oak Drive	South	As laid out in front of Soogoma Industries		anytime

Add:

Street	Side	From	To	Prohibited Times or Day
Queen Street East	South	15 m west of March Street	25 m west of March Street	Any time
Queen Street East	South	87 m east of Brock Street	97 m east of Brock Street	Any time
Queen Street East	North	55 m east of Spring Street	66 m east of Spring Street	Any time
White Oak Drive	South	As laid out in front of 105 White Oak Drive		anytime

Schedule A Section 6 – Parking Prohibited

Remove:

Street	Side	From	To	Prohibited Times or Day
Eastwood Street	East	Northwood Street	Greenwood Street	Any Time

Add:

Street	Side	From	To	Prohibited Times or Day
Eastwood Street	East	Northwood Street	31 Eastwood Street	Any Time
Lyons Avenue	Both	Korah Road	Wellington Street West	Any Time
Wellington Street West	Both	Carmen's Way	Wallace Terrace	Any Time

Schedule K Section 27 – Increased Speed Limits

Remove:

Street	Between	Maximum Speed
Lyons Ave	Patrick Street and Korah Road	60 km/hr

Schedule X Section 25a – Designated Turn Lanes

Add:

Street	Between	Lane	Direction	Time or Day
Lyons Ave	Bloor Street and Farwell Terrace	Center Turn Lane	East and West bound	Any Time

Schedule BB Section 20A – Pedestrian Crossovers

Add:

Street	Location
Queen Street	West side of Lake Street
Queen Street	East side of Spring Street

Schedule D Section 19 – Stopping Prohibited

Remove:

Street	Side	Between	Prohibited Times or Day
Queen Street East	North	East Street and a point 64 m west of East Street	Any Time
Queen Street East	North	Brock Street and a point 126 m east of Brock Street	Any Time

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Queen Street East	North	Brock Street and a point 30 m west of Brock Street	Any Time
Queen Street East	North	Spring Street and a point 43 m west of Brock Street	Any Time
Queen Street East	North	Spring Street and a point 13 m west of Spring Street	Any Time
Queen Street East	North	March Street and a point 32 m west of March Street	Any Time
Queen Street East	North	March Street and a point 54 m west of March Street	Any Time
Queen Street East	South	East Street and a point 41 m west of East Street	Any Time
Queen Street East	South	Brock Street and a point 36 m east of Brock Street	Any Time
Queen Street East	South	a point 49 m east of Brock Street and a point 81 m west at East Street	Any Time
Queen Street East	South	Brock Street and Spring Street	Any Time
Queen Street East	South	Spring Street and a point 110 m west of Spring Street	Any Time
Queen Street East	South	Elgin Street and a point 53 m east of Elgin Street	Any Time

Add:

Street	Side	Between	Prohibited Times or Day
Queen Street East	North	East Street and a point 55 m west of East Street	Any time
Queen Street East	North	Brock Street and a point 40 m east of Brock Street	Any time
Queen Street East	North	Brock Street and a point 28 m west of Brock Street	Any time
Queen Street East	North	Spring Street and a point 98 m east of Spring Street	Any time
Queen Street East	North	Spring Street and a point 68 m east of Spring Street	Any time
Queen Street East	North	Spring Street and a point 22 m east of Spring Street	Any time
Queen Street East	North	Spring Street and a point 15 m west of Spring Street	Any time
Queen Street East	North	March Street and a point 40 m east of March Street	Any time
Queen Street East	North	March Street and a point 12 m west of March Street	Any time

Queen Street East	North	March Street and a point 85 m west of March Street	Any time
Queen Street East	North	Elgin Street and a point 66 m east of Elgin Street	Any time
Queen Street East	North	Elgin Street and a point 25 m east of Elgin Street	Any time
Queen Street East	South	East Street and a point 30 m west of East Street	Any time
Queen Street East	South	Brock Street and a point 119 m east of Brock Street	Any time
Queen Street East	South	Brock Street and a point 30 m west of Brock Street	Any time
Queen Street East	South	Spring Street and a point 85 m east of Spring Street	Any time
Queen Street East	South	Spring Street and a point 45 m east of Spring Street	Any time
Queen Street East	South	Spring Street and a point 29 m west of Spring Street	Any time
Queen Street East	South	At March Street	Any time
Queen Street East	South	Elgin Street and a point 88 m east of Elgin Street	Any time
Queen Street East	South	Elgin Street and a point 46 m east of Elgin Street	Any time

Schedule F Section 21 – Stop Signs and Intersections

Add:

Intersection	Direction of Traffic	Stop Street
Spring Street & Queen Street	northerly	Spring Street
Spring Street & Queen Street	southerly	Spring Street

Schedule G – Section 22 – Locations of Traffic Signals

Remove:

Albert Street and Dennis Street
 Bay Street and Bruce Street
 Bay Street and Spring Street
 McNabb and St. George's Avenue
 Queen Street East and Church Street
 Queen Street East and Spring Street
 Wellington Street West and Conmee Avenue

Add:
 Bay Street and Ron Francis Way
 Great Northern Road and Walmart/Pino's entrance

Schedule K – Section 27 – Increased Speed Limits

Remove:

Street	Between	Maximum Speed
Great Northern Road	800 m north of Third Line & Fifth Line	70 km/hr
Great Northern Road	Fifth Line & north city limit	80 km/hr

Add:

Street	Between	Maximum Speed
Great Northern Road	800 m north of Third Line & 250 m north of Fifth Line	70 km/hr
Great Northern Road	250 m north of Fifth Line & north city limit	80 km/hr

Proposed Schedule VV – Emergency and Authorized Vehicles Only

Remove:

Street	Side	Location	To
Brock Street	East	30 m south of Wellington Street East	45 m south of Wellington Street East

Add:

Street	Side	Location	To
Brock Street	East	30 m south of Wellington Street East	70 m south of Wellington Street East

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Strategic Plan / Policy Impact / Climate Impact

The recommendations of this request are linked to the Infrastructure focus area of the Corporate Strategic Plan.

Recommendation

It is therefore recommended that Council take the following action:

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Resolved that the report of the Manager of Design and Transportation Engineering dated February 2, 2026 concerning Traffic Bylaw update be received and that the recommended amendments be approved.

An amendment to the appropriate schedule to the Traffic By-Law will be brought to Council for approval at a later date

Respectfully submitted,

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