



Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula Council Report

Report Number: MLEO 22-07

Subject: Parking Report 2022

From: Carol Hopkins, Chief By-law Officer

Date: December 12, 2022

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives MLEO report No. 22-07 Parking Report for 2022, as information;

AND THAT the report be uploaded to Let's Talk NBP for thirty (30) days for public comment,

AND THAT a subsequent report is brought back to Council for discussion and amendments to the parking/paid parking program.

Background:

At the end of every paid parking season, the By-law Department documents and monitors paid parking and parking, and a report is prepared and brought forward to Council with recommendations for improvements to these programs within the Municipality.

The public have well-received the current paid parking system. It reduces the impact on historic sites by creating a smaller, more organized parking area, and pedestrian safety and residents' safe access to their driveways are some items the Municipality strives to achieve. In addition, having an attendant monitoring the parking areas provides information such as reservations, parking times, and rates. It promotes a well-organized

environment primarily because we are more concerned than ever about where and how cars are parked. It also reduces the environmental impacts in the no-parking areas.

The parking management system allows visitors to pay by various methods such as coins, Visa, Mastercard, scan and pay app and online reservations. This system also enables the Officer to verify resident and non-resident passes, daily violations issued, and revenue generated for each machine or zone.

It is recommended this report be posted on Let's Talk NBP (bang the table) to reach the community and allow their comments to be brought forward for consideration for the following parking/paid parking season.

Below is a general overview of the parking/paid parking and staff recommendations for the upcoming 2023 parking season.

Attached are maps outlining the current parking/paid parking for Tobermory, Big Tub Road, The Gap, Grant Watson Drive, Dunks Bay, Little Cove, Dorcas Bay Road, Dyers Bay, Borchardt Road, Carter Road, Lion's Head and McCurdy Drive.

Comments:

Tobermory Paid Parking:

Since the implementation of Paid Parking in 2017, the program has been evaluated at the end of every parking season. As a result, Tobermory paid parking has been proven successful with no changes to the paid parking program within the core of Tobermory.

Recommendations:

THAT the Paid Parking Program in Tobermory remains status quo.

Big Tub Road:

With the commencement of paid parking in 2017 on Big Tub Road, parking was permitted on both sides. Unfortunately, this proved very dangerous, as residents could not safely enter and exit their driveways. As a result, over the years, changes to the parking took place, with each year reducing the parking to the current alterations in the spring of 2022 to enlarge the parking lot and turnaround area, making it easier for vehicles to access the site and to turn around safely. In addition, as directed by the Council, the parking time was also modified from all-day parking to a 3-hour maximum. Finally, a parking attendant was added to the area to park vehicles, monitor paid parking and redirect visitors to other sites once the parking was at capacity.

Recommendations:

THAT Paid Parking on Big Tub Road remains status quo,

The Gap:

The Gap has remained free of parking within the road allowance since 2001, with one alteration in 2021 to permit the loading and unloading of Shuttle buses as signed. In addition, the Gap provides foot traffic to access the water and to the St Edmunds Anglican Church and Bruce Anchor Motel & Cruises properties.

Recommendation:

THAT the Gap remains status quo.

Grant Watson Drive:

This small parking lot at the end of Grant Watson Drive is only large enough to accommodate six vehicles. In addition, in 2020 several parking concerns arose with parking on both sides of the road with visitors trying to access Parks Canada and Parks Facilities. As a result, Grant Watson Drive was designated with no parking on either side from Harpur Drive/Elgin Street to the parking lot.

In 2021 the parking lot was designated by Council as Residents Only 3-hour Maximum parking, and signs were added accordingly. The signage proved effective; however, Bylaw was called approximately twenty-four (24) times this season, issuing multiple fines between July 2 and August 28. Additionally, it was noted that vehicles parked did not have a resident parking pass and parking along the road, causing issues for the residents entering and exiting their driveways safely. Moving forward, it would be beneficial that a parking attendant is present on weekends for July and August to manage the parking area, and the approximate cost could be \$5200.00.

Recommendations:

THAT the resident only 3-hour max parking remains status quo,

Dunks Bay:

With the popularity of the site Paid Parking was implemented in the small parking lot in 2021. At that time Council also designated Resident/Cemetery 3-hour maximum parking on the south side of Dunks Bay Road from Almack Beach Lane to the entrance of the Cemetery. Unfortunately, several issues have arisen this season with overcrowding and visitors parking in the Resident/Cemetery 3-hour Maximum parking, leaving residents and Funeral processions nowhere to park. As a result, By-law was called to the area eighteen (18) times between July 2 and the end of August, issuing up to ten (10) violations simultaneously. In addition, it would be beneficial that a parking attendant is

present on weekends for July and August to manage the no parking area and Cemetery/Resident parking, and the approximate cost could be \$5200.00.

Recommendations:

THAT Paid parking remains status quo,

Little Cove Parking Lot:

Before 2020, no parking regulations were implemented on Little Cove Road or the parking lot. However, due to the influx of visitors in 2020, the parking by-law was amended to add no parking on either side of Little Cove Road from Highway 6 to the parking lot.

In 2021, the Municipality entered into an agreement with Parks Canada to collect parking revenue within the small parking lot. However, this was unsuccessful as Parks Canada did not monitor the parking lot nor the no parking along Little Cove Road. As a result, By-law was called numerous times to ticket and redirect overflow parking to other areas within the Municipality.

In March 2022, the Council implemented 4-hour online parking reservations for the 28 parking spaces within the lot, signage was placed, and the reservation process was advertised in the local paper, on the Municipal website and on Facebook to advise visitors of the changes to the parking at Little Cove. At the time of implementation, it was deemed necessary to have a parking attendant in the parking lot to inform and help visitors with online reservations and assure compliance with the fire route and no parking regulations.

The total number of visitors to Little Cove between May 15 and October 15 was 4989, with gross revenue of \$94,080.00, and 1591 purchased the Parks Canada Discovery Pass Holder/Day Pass gross revenue of \$26,643.00. The reservations system at Little Cove and the parking attendant have proven very successful.

Recommendation:

THAT the 4-hour reservation parking remains status quo

Dorcas Bay Road:

Over the years, Dorcas Bay Road has had several parking issues, recommendations have been brought forward to Council, and parking was removed from the road to improve pedestrian safety and to allow residents to enter and exit their driveways safely.

In 2020, a recommendation came forward by the OPP that, in conjunction with the no parking signs, no stopping signs be placed 30 meters back from the entrance of Singing Sands, as this could elevate vehicles stopping to unload/load and causing a potential accident at the entrance. With the signage in place, it had some effect. However, without a parking attendant to monitor the area, it still becomes very congested with visitors parking/stopping to load and unload or parking their vehicles on the road while visiting Singing Sands. As a result, By-law was called to the area 3 times a day throughout a weekend, Saturday, Sunday and holiday Monday, between July 2 and the end of August, issuing up to several violations simultaneously.

This area would benefit if a parking attendant is present on weekends for July and August to manage the no parking/no stopping area, and the approximate cost could be \$5200.00.

Recommendations:

THAT the no parking/no stopping remains status quo.

Dyers Bay:

Paid parking was implemented in 2021, with only one alteration occurring, and this was due to the lack of cell service in the parking lot at the top of the hill. The paid parking machine was moved to Dyers Bay Road and Bartley Drive to receive better cell service.

Recommendation:

THAT Paid Parking remains status quo.

Borchardt Road:

This small parking area at the end of Borchardt Road is access to Devils Monument and the Bruce Trail accommodating approximately twenty (20) vehicles. This area was designated as paid parking in 2021, and no parking issues have been noted.

Recommendation:

THAT paid parking remains status quo.

Carter Road:

This small parking lot is for approximately ten (10) vehicles, and it was created in July 2021 to elevate the cars parking on Carter Road and within the designated Fire Route.

To date, no issues have been noted.

Recommendation:

THAT Paid Parking remains status quo.

Lions Head:

Paid parking was implemented in May of 2021 in Lions Head and reassessed in the fall after the paid parking commenced. In addition, the following changes and input from the local businesses were implemented in 2022.

- Main Street from Moore to Ida from 3-hour max paid parking to 2-hour free parking.
- Webster Street from Alexander to Helen Street from 3-hour max paid parking to 2 hours free parking.
- Moore Street, John Street and Mill Street from 3-hour max paid parking to all-day parking
- Helen Street and Scott Street changed from all-day parking to \$3 per hour to a maximum of \$15 to \$5 per hour to a max of \$30
- Lion's Head Marina remained at \$5 per hour to a \$30 maximum.
- Lion's Head Arena was added to \$3 to a \$15 max all-day parking.

The By-law department feels that the changes have resolved the issues noted in 2021.

Recommendations:

THAT Paid Parking in Lion's Head remains status quo.

McCurdy Drive:

In 2020, McCurdy Drive saw a vast influx of visitors to the area, with overcrowding in the parking lot and vehicles parking on the road causing concerns with pedestrian safety and residents unable to enter and exit their driveways safely. As a result, the traffic by-law was amended that summer to prohibit parking on either side of Moore Street. In addition, a parking attendant was added at the McCurdy Drive lot to redirect the overflow traffic to other areas in Lions Head to park.

When paid parking was implemented in 2021, a machine was placed at McCurdy Drive and was successful. However, with the area's popularity and lack of parking, with only thirty-eight (38) spots, the Municipality implemented a reservation parking system with 4 and 8-hour time slots. At the time of implementation, it was deemed necessary to have a parking attendant present to inform and help visitors with their online reservations and to ensure compliance with No Parking and the blocking of private driveways along Moore Street.

The total number of visitors to McCurdy between May 15 and October 15 was 7429, with gross revenue of \$146,791.00. The reservations system at McCurdy and the parking attendant have proven very successful.

Recommendations:

THAT the 4-hour and 8-hour reservation time slots remain status quo

Attachments:

1. Tobermory Paid Parking
2. Big Tub Road
3. The Gap
4. Grant Watson
5. Dunks Bay
6. Little Cove
7. Dorcas Bay Rd
8. Dyers Bay Road
9. Borchardt Road
10. Carter Road
11. Lions Head
12. McCurdy Drive

Budget Implications:

The budget items noted above, totalling approximately \$15,600.00, have been recorded for consideration in the 2023 budget.

A treasurer's report regarding the Parking Meter revenue and expenses for the 2022 season will be brought forward once all the expenses have been calculated.

Municipal Strategic Commitment:

1. Creating a strong & resilient economy
2. Maintaining a transparent & responsible government

Respectfully submitted:

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Chief By-law Officer

Approved by:

Peggy Van Mierlo-West,
Chief Administrative Officer

Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula Existing Parking Program - Tobermory



Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula Existing Parking Program - Big Tub Road



Existing Parking Program

- No Parking
- Paid Parking
- Parking Machines



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Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula Existing Parking Program - The Gap



- Existing Parking Program**
- No Parking
 - Paid Parking
 - Shuttle Bus Loading Area
 - Parking Machines



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Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula Existing Parking Program - Grant Watson Drive



Existing Parking Program

- No Parking
- Resident Only (3 Hour Max)



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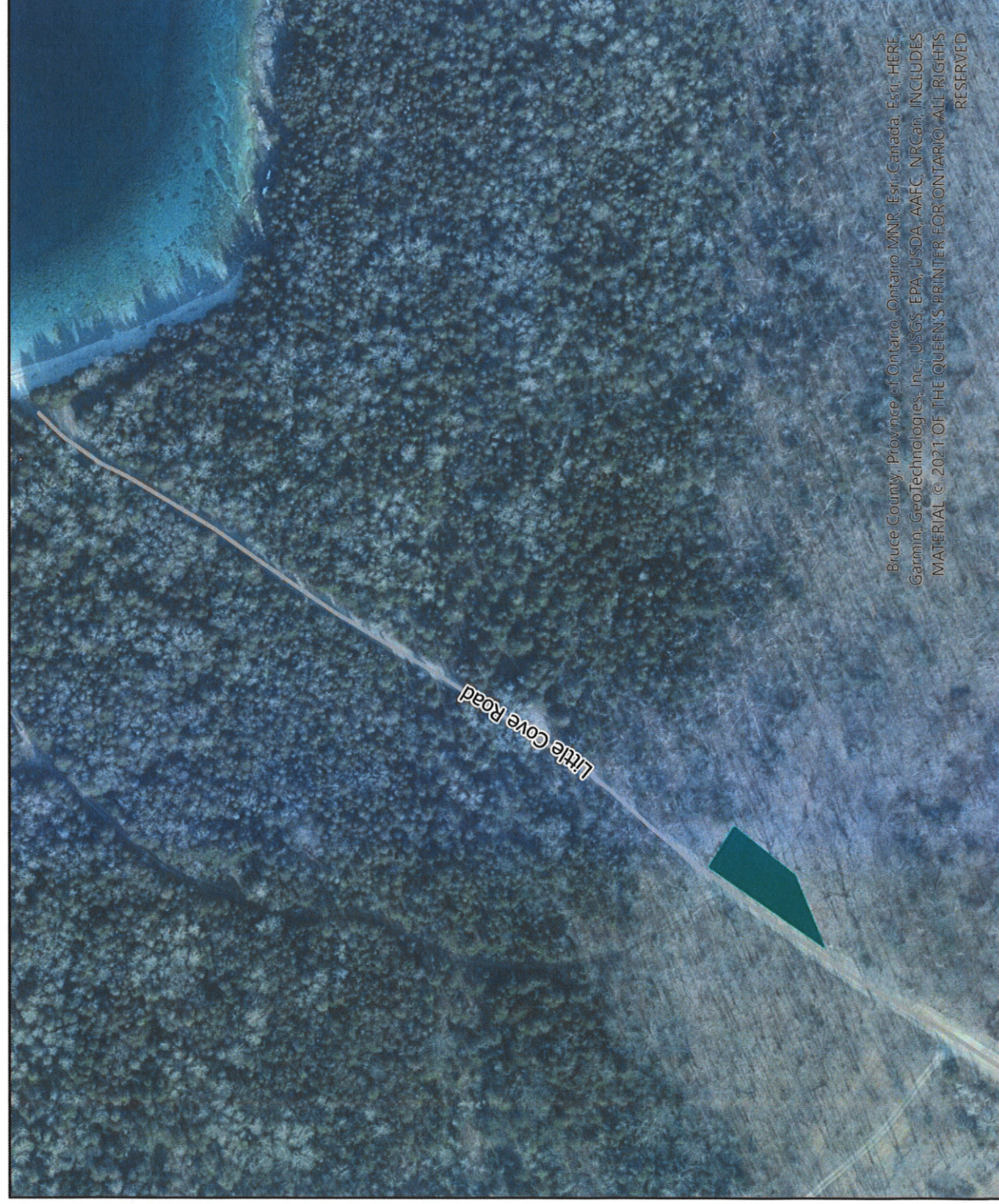
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Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula Existing Parking Program - Dunks Bay Road



Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula Existing Parking Program - Little Cove Road



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Existing Parking Program

 Park Pass Reservation Parking (4 Hours)



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Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula Existing Parking Program - Dorcas Bay Road



Existing Parking Program

— No Parking, No Stopping



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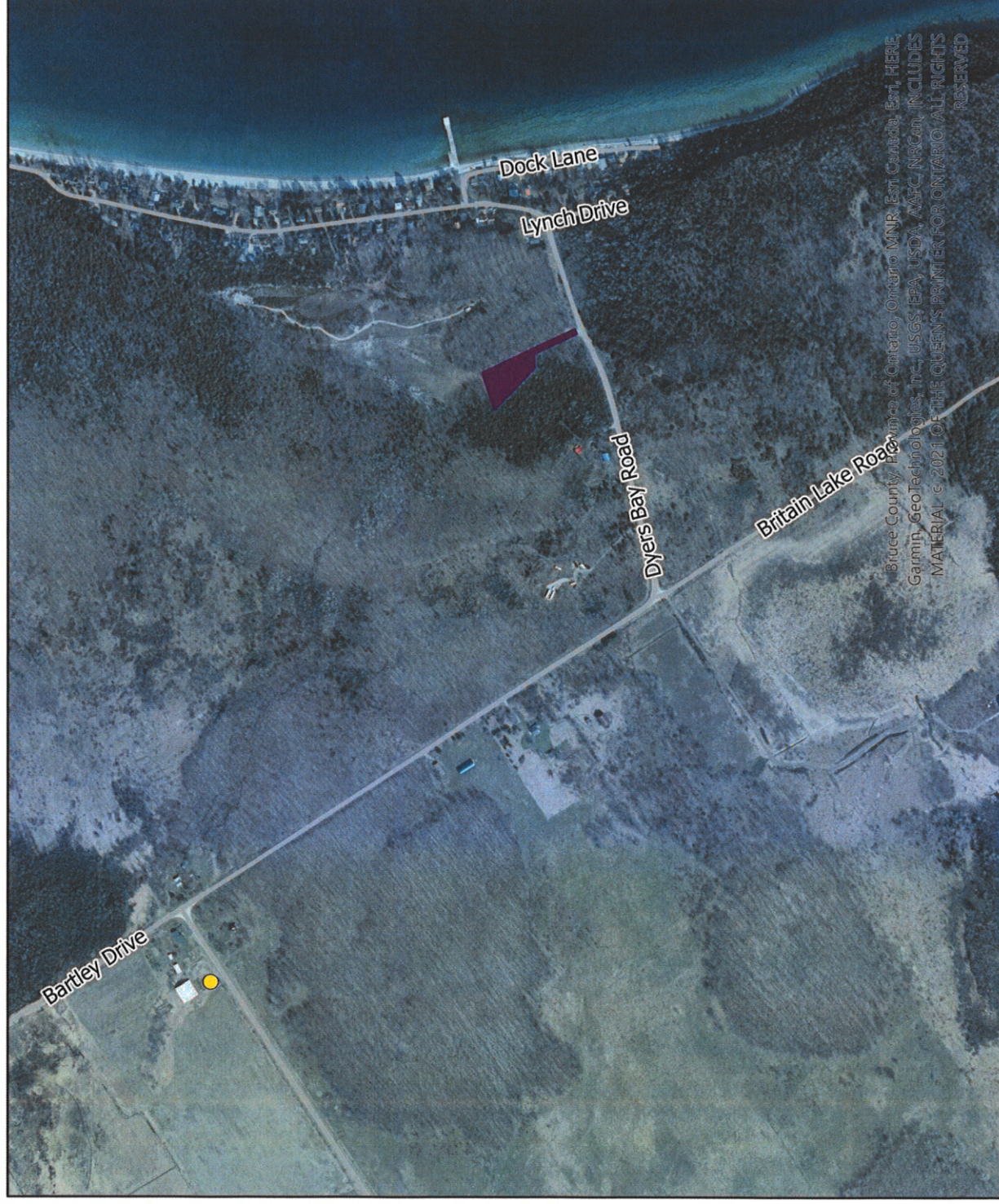
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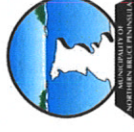
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Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula Existing Parking Program - Dyers Bay Road



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- Paid Parking Lot
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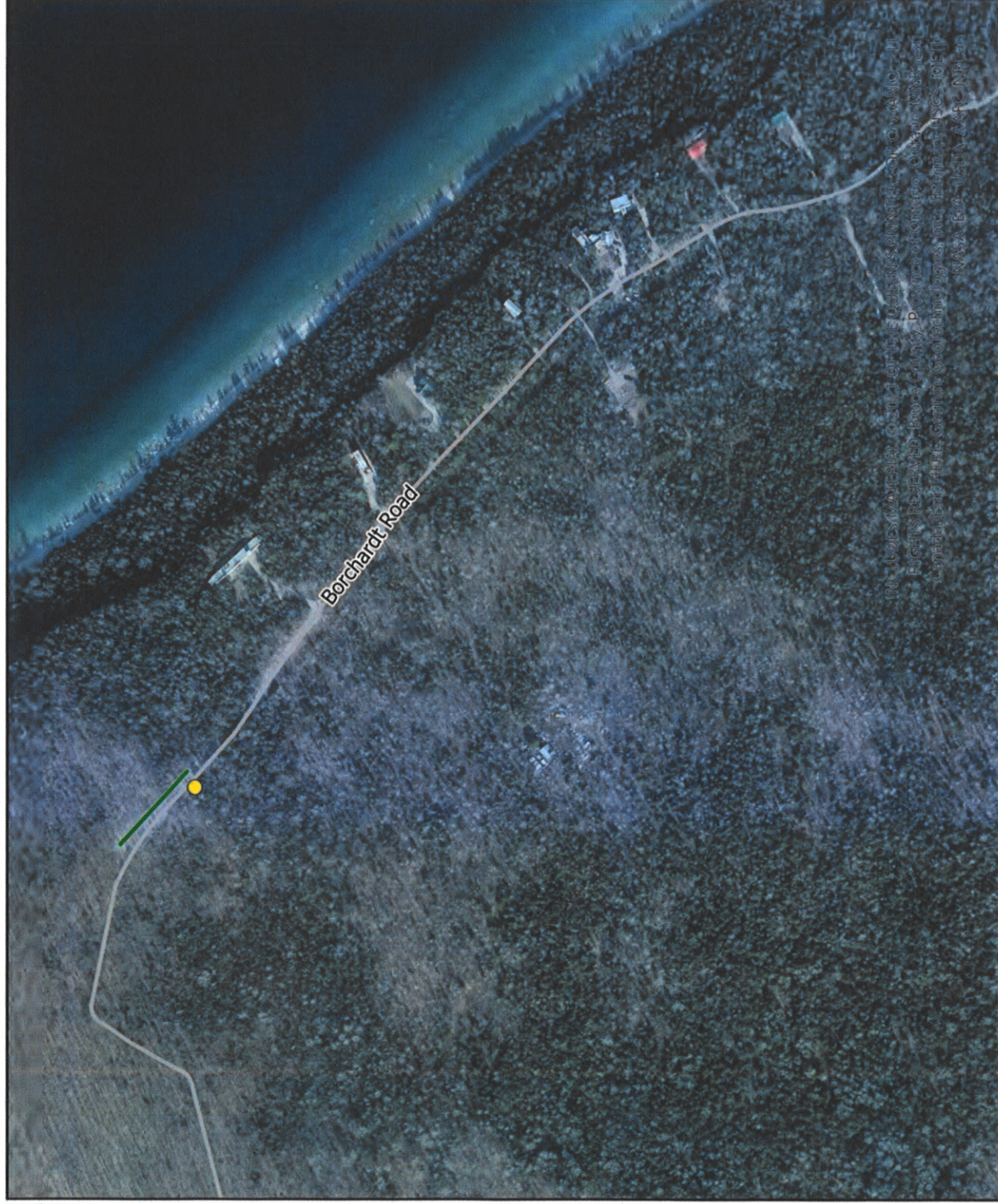
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Existing Parking Program
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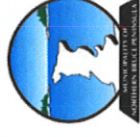
Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula Existing Parking Program - Carter Road



Existing Parking Program

■ Paid Parking Lot

● Parking Machines



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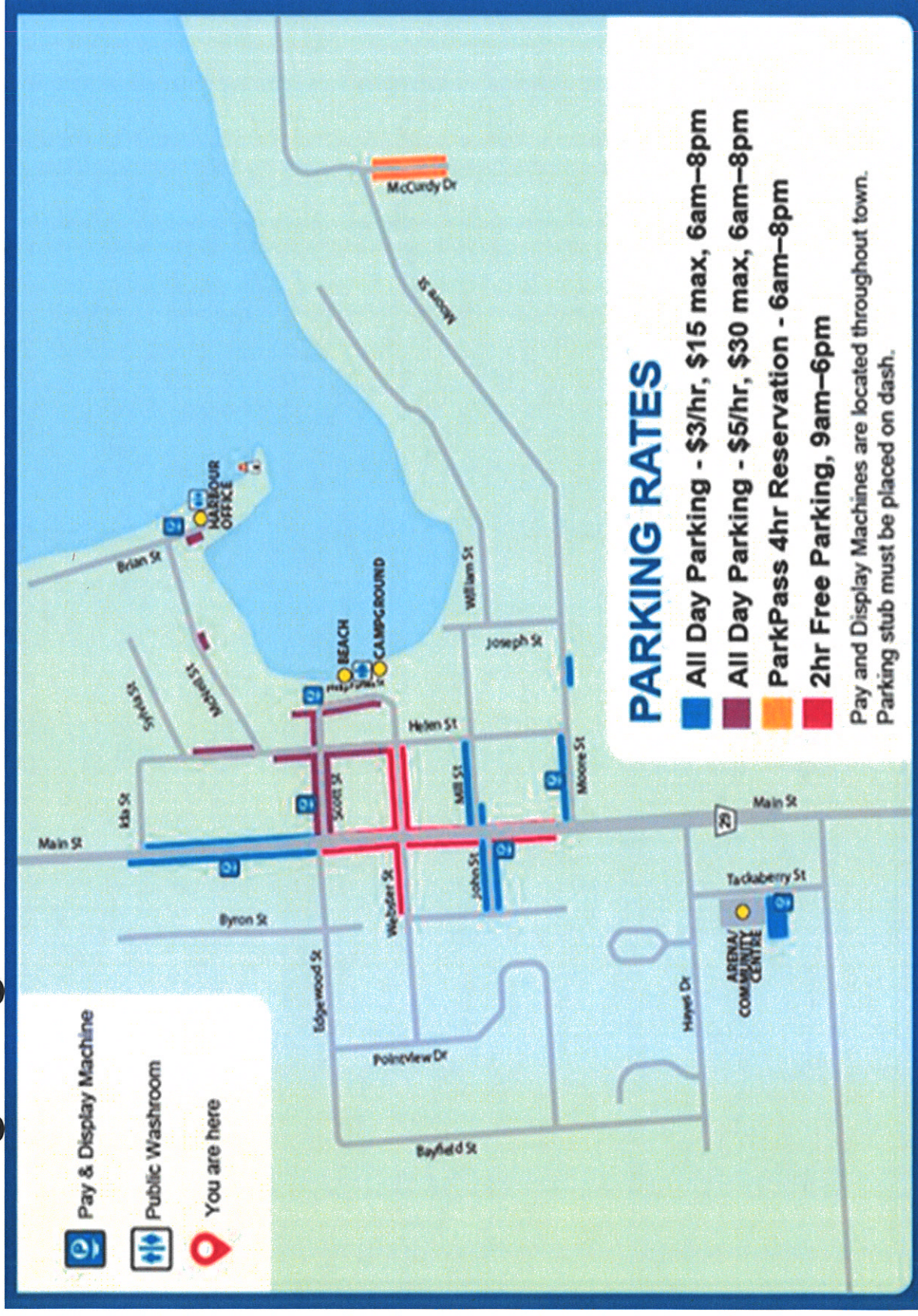
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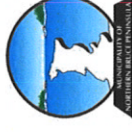


Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula Existing Parking Program - McCurdy Drive



Existing Parking Program

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