

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GODERICH
BY-LAW NO. 20 OF 1989**

A by-law to repeal By-law No. 54 of 1984 to regulate traffic in the Town of Goderich and to control and regulate the use of streets and boulevards in the said Town.

WHEREAS pursuant to the provisions of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 302, and the Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1980, Chapter 198, Councils of local municipalities may pass by-laws regulating traffic on the streets within the said municipalities and controlling and regulating the use of the said streets and boulevards appurtenant thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF GODERICH ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

PART 1

INTERPRETATION

1. In this by-law,
 - a) authorized emergency vehicle - includes any ambulance or hearse, any vehicle of the Fire Department or of the local, provincial or federal police, any vehicle operated by or for the Corporation of the Town of Goderich, Bell Canada, Union Gas, Cable T.V. or any public utility company or telegraph company while engaged in the construction, maintenance or repair of a street or of any equipment or facilities therein, and a snow plow or other maintenance vehicle of the Ministry of Transportation and Communications;
 - b) boulevard - means and includes all such parts of the street as are situate between the curb or edge of the roadway and the nearest limit of the street, exclusive of the area covered by a public sidewalk;
 - c) corner - with reference to a street intersection, means the point of intersection of the curbs;
 - d) curb - includes the edge of a roadway, whether marked physically by a curb or not;
 - e) drive - includes ride and lead, and "driver" shall include the person in charge of any animal or vehicle;
 - f) handicapped person - means anyone who is unable to walk unassisted more than 200 metres (218 yards) without serious difficulty or danger to safety or health, and is certified as such by a licensed physician, chiropractor, osteopathic physician, physiotherapist, or occupational therapist as meeting the above eligibility requirements.
 - g) handicapped person's vehicle - means any vehicle operated by a disabled person; a vehicle in which a disabled person is a passenger; or a vehicle which is used to transport a disabled person and in which a valid disabled person's parking permit is displayed.

parking permit - means a disabled person parking permit issued under the Highway Traffic Act a permit, number plate or other marker or device issued by another jurisdiction and recognized under the Act.

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- h) heavy traffic or heavy truck - means a commercial motor vehicle having a gross weight in excess of 4600 kilograms but does not include an ambulance, or any vehicle of a police or fire department, public utility emergency vehicles actually engaged in works undertaken for or on behalf of the Corporation, or a privately owned vehicle driven to or from the owner's residence;
- i) holiday - means and includes every
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| New Year's Day | Civic Holiday by Council |
| Good Friday | Labour Day |
| Easter Monday | Thanksgiving Day |
| Victoria Day | Christmas Day |
| Dominion Day | Boxing Day |
- j) motorized snow vehicle - means a self-propelled vehicle designed to be driven primarily on snow;
- k) one way street - means a street upon which vehicular traffic is limited to movement in one direction;
- l) parking space - means a part of a street designated by this by-law as a place for the parking of a vehicle;
- m) pedestrian - means a person afoot, invalids and children in wheeled carriages or on a play vehicle;
- n) public lane or public alley - means a lane or alley shown on a registered Plan of Subdivision, except where there has been no sale of any land in accordance with such plan, and includes any other lane or alley belonging to the Corporation;
- o) safety zone - means the area or space set apart within a roadway for the exclusive use of pedestrians which is protected or is so marked or indicated by official signs as to be plainly visible at all time while set apart as a safety zone;
- p) sidewalk - means a hard surface footpath intended for the use of pedestrians;
- q) street - means the whole of the public street allowance lying between the property line on one side and the property line on the other side and includes the roadway, boulevard, and sidewalk;
- r) time - means standard time except in periods when daylight savings time is in effect, in which periods, it shall be daylight savings time;
- s) traffic - includes pedestrians, ridden or herded animals, vehicles, bicycles, and other conveyance, either singly or together, while using any street for the purpose of travel;
- t) traffic control device - means any sign, or roadway curb or sidewalk marking, or other device erected or placed under authority of the municipal council for the purpose of guiding or directing traffic;
- u) traffic signal - means any device manually, electrically or mechanically operated for the regulation of traffic;

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- v) U-turn - means to turn a vehicle within a roadway so as to proceed in the opposite direction.

All other definitions not herein defined (e.g. Highway, Motor Vehicle, Stop, Park, etc.), are as laid down in the Highway Traffic Act of Ontario.

PART II

ENFORCEMENT, SPECIAL SIGNS, TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

1. Obedience to Traffic Regulations - The Ontario Provincial Police and Bylaw Enforcement Officer for the Town of Goderich shall enforce the provisions of this by-law.
2. Special Occasion No Parking No Stopping Signs
 - a) In the exercise of the power to direct traffic, a police constable acting under the instructions of the Officer in Charge may erect or cause to be erected "No Parking" and "No Stopping" signs in such places and for such temporary periods as may be reasonably necessary or advisable.
 - b) The unauthorized use of any police "No Parking" or "No Stopping" signs shall be an offence against the provisions of this by-law.
 - c) No unauthorized person shall place, maintain or display upon or in view of any street any sign, marking or device which is or which resembles an official sign or traffic control device, to such a degree that it may be mistaken for an official sign or traffic control device, or which is so located as to interfere with the effectiveness of an official sign or traffic control device.
 - d) No person shall without lawful authority move from its proper position or otherwise interfere with any traffic sign.
3. Traffic Control Devices
 - a) It shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Works to cause to be erected and maintained all signs and other traffic control devices required or authorized by statute or by this by-law, and such as are required to warn or guide traffic for the safety or convenience of the public.
 - b) No person shall drive any vehicle over any painted marking on the roadway where markers are in place to indicate that the paint has been freshly applied, nor shall any person drive over any marker so placed.
 - c) Save as may be otherwise more specifically provided in this by-law or The Highway Traffic Act, it shall be an offence against the provisions of this by-law for any person to fail to comply with the directions of any traffic sign or traffic control device.

PART III

GENERAL TRAFFIC DIRECTIONS

1. Lower Speed in Parks - A speed limit of 30 kilometres per hour for motor vehicles is hereby prescribed for public parks

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as defined in the Parks By-law.

- (a) Lower speed limit on The Square, Harbour Street and Beach Street from Harbour Street to the Cove Road - a speed limit of 30 kilometres per hour for Motor Vehicles is hereby prescribed.

2. Moving Buildings or Other Over-Weight or Over-Size Loads

- a) Permit Required - No vehicle, load, object or structure in excess of the weight or dimensions prescribed by The Highway Traffic Act may be moved over or upon any street upon wheels, rollers or otherwise, in accordance with a permit in writing which has been first obtained from the Public Works Manager.
- b) Bond - No such permit shall be issued by the Public Works Manager except to a person who has filed with the Town Administrator a satisfactory bond sufficient to cover the cost of repairing possible injury to the street, and indemnifying the Town of Goderich from all actions, claims, damages, and losses, costs and expenses whatsoever, which may result from the moving of any such vehicle, load, object or structure into, along or across a street, and from the issue of the permit.
- c) Permit to be carried - Every such permit shall be carried by the person in charge of any such vehicle, load, object or structure while same is on the street, or placed in some accessible position and produced on demand of a police constable or by-law officer.
- d) Prohibition - No person shall move upon any street, a load in excess of the weight or dimensions specified in the permit or at any time not authorized by such permit, nor shall any load in excess of the weight or dimensions prescribed by The Highway Traffic Act be moved upon any street or part of a street not authorized by the permit.

3. Stop Signs - There shall be erected stop signs at the entrances to the intersections of those streets designated in Column 1 of Schedule 1 and facing the traffic proceeding in the direction indicated in Column 2.

4. Yield Right-of-Way Signs - There shall be erected Yield Right-of-Way signs at the entrances to the intersections of those streets designated in Column 1 of Schedule 2 and facing the traffic proceeding in the direction indicated in Column 2.

5. One Way Streets - Those streets listed in Column 1 of Schedule 3 are hereby designated for the use of one-way traffic only, in the direction indicated in Column 3, between the limits indicated in Column 2.

6. Truck Routes - Heavy Traffic

- a) No person shall drive or permit to be driven any vehicle included in the definition of heavy traffic on any street other than the streets set out in Schedule 4 hereof.
- b) Subsection 6 (a) shall not apply where it is necessary to deviate from one of the streets designated in

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Schedule 4 for the purpose of delivering or receiving goods or other such normal commercial purpose, or when proceeding to or from a garage or other premises for the housing or repair of the vehicle or when making successive deliveries within a restricted area provided that while proceeding to the first of such deliveries the vehicle shall travel via the shortest route from the nearest street designated in Schedule 4 and on the completion of such purposes the vehicle shall return by the shortest route to the nearest street designated in Schedule 4.

- c) Subsection 1 shall not apply to heavy traffic on any street or part of street, which has been properly authorized as a temporary detour route.
7. Turns - Where properly worded signs are erected and on display, no person shall turn any vehicle in the direction prohibited at the intersections set out in Schedule 5 to this by-law.
8. U-Turns - The driver of a vehicle shall not make a U-turn or attempt to do so, so as to proceed in the opposite direction upon any street unless such movement can be made in safety and without interfering with other traffic.

PART IV

MISCELLANEOUS PROHIBITIONS

1. Vehicles on sidewalks
- a) No person shall drive a motor vehicle upon a sidewalk except for the purpose of directly crossing the sidewalk.
 - b) No person shall drive a motorized snow vehicle upon a sidewalk except for the purpose of directly crossing the sidewalk.
 - c) No person shall drive any animal or vehicle over or upon a sidewalk save at a properly constructed crossing. This provision shall not apply to baby carriages, children's tricycles or other such vehicles appropriate to sidewalks, including adult tricycles or electric carts operated by senior citizens or handicapped persons.
2. Curbs - No person shall drive a motor vehicle over a raised curb except at a place where there is a ramp.
3. Bicycles
- a) A resident of Goderich owning and intending to operate a bicycle upon any highway or street within the municipality shall first obtain a bicycle licence.
 - b) Bicycle licences shall be issued by the Officer in Charge. Applicants shall complete a bicycle registration form for identification purposes containing the name, address and telephone number of the applicant along with the make, model, size, colour and serial number of the bicycle that is to be licensed.
 - c) The licence shall be affixed to the bicycle and displayed in the prescribed manner by attaching the

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tamper proof sticker to the top of the left front fork.

- d) The Officer in Charge shall maintain a record of all licences issued and record the information contained on the registration form.
- e) Each applicant for a licence shall pay to the Town of Goderich the sum of \$1.00 for each licence issued.
- f) Each licence issued shall be valid for the period in which the bicycle is owned by the individual or family for which it was issued.
- g) Prohibitions
 - i. No person shall ride a bicycle upon any sidewalk, pathway or footpath, used by or set apart for pedestrians within the Town of Goderich.
 - ii. No person shall ride a bicycle, roller skate, roller blade or skateboard on any pathway, on the beach board walk, the sidewalks of the Square and lawns of the Court House Park or upon any parking lot controlled by the municipality.

4. Stop before entering roadway

The driver of a vehicle about to enter or cross a highway from a private road or driveway shall stop immediately before entering the roadway or same, or the sidewalk if any.

5. Backing up

No person shall drive any animal or vehicle backwards, except when necessary and having proper regard for the safety and convenience of other traffic.

6. Interrupting procession

No pedestrian or person riding or driving any animal or vehicle, shall intersect or otherwise interfere with any funeral cortege or any other procession lawfully using the highway, except under the direction of a Police Constable.

7. No traffic on closed streets

No person shall drive any animal or vehicle upon any highway or part of a highway, which is temporarily occupied by the Fire Department in the course of its duties.

8. Motorized snow vehicles

No person shall drive a motorized snow vehicle on any sidewalk (except for the purpose of directly crossing the sidewalk), boulevard, footpath or in any park or on The Square.

PART V

PARKING, PARKING REGULATIONS AND STOPPING

1. No exclusive right

No person shall have an exclusive right to place any vehicle at any particular location on any street.

2. Parking - General

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- a) No person shall park or stop any vehicle on any street or portion thereof except as follows:
 - i) where there is a raised curb, on the right side on the roadway, having regard to the direction such vehicle was proceeding, with its right front and rear wheels parallel to and not more than 15 centimetres out from such curb;
 - ii) and where there is no curb or a rolled curb, with the right front and rear wheels parallel to and as near to the right hand limit of the street as is practicable without stopping or parking on a sidewalk or on any part of the street where grass is grown or which is not intended for the use of vehicles.
- b) The provisions of Subsection 2. a) i) do not apply where angle parking is permitted under Section 6 hereof or to parking or stopping a vehicle on the left hand side of the roadway of a street designated for one way traffic.
- c) Where angle parking is permitted on a street, no person shall stop or park any vehicle except at any angle of approximately 45 degrees from the curb or boundary of the roadway with the front end of the vehicle at such curb or boundary. **EXCEPTIONS:** vehicles unloading or loading heavy articles may temporarily be backed into the curb.
- d) Provided that the above shall not apply to stopping in obedience to traffic control devices, the directions of a police constable, or the safety or convenience of other traffic.
- e) The Officer in Charge and/or the Administrator may authorize no more than two parking spaces in a time-restricted parking area to be used by a merchant for specific display purposes for a period not to exceed two days.

3. Permitted angle parking

Angle parking in accordance with the provisions of subsection (c) of Section 2 is permitted on the streets at the sides and between the limits set out respectively in Columns 1, 2 and 3 of Schedule 6 to this by-law.

4. Time restricted parking

- a) No person shall park for a period exceeding two (2) hours in any one parking space in a restricted parking area, as identified in clause b) of this section, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on any day, Sundays and holidays excepted.
- b) The restricted parking areas referred to in Clause a) of this section are as identified in Schedule 7
- c) The Town Administrator shall provide members of the Huron County Council with Courtesy Parking Stickers, exempting them from the two-hour parking limit while involved in county business only.
- d) The Town Administrator has the authority to issue

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members of Goderich Town Council Courtesy Parking Stickers, exempting them from the two-hour parking limit while involved in municipal business only.

- e) The Town Administrator, Officer in Charge and By-law Officer have the authority to issue to the following people a One-Day Courtesy Parking Sticker, exempting them from the two-hour parking limit as required:
 - i) the press attending meetings of the County of Huron or the Town of Goderich;
 - ii) an official visiting the Town of Goderich and performing municipal business either at the County of Huron or the Town of Goderich.
- f) Police vehicles shall be exempt from the two-hour parking limit.
- g) That the provisions of agreements between the County and Town specifically the sections which read as follows shall continue to apply to the area known as the Courthouse or Market Square:

No person shall enter the Market Square or Courthouse Square except by way of the approach being the continuation of South Street.

No person shall park or leave standing any motor vehicle or trailer on any part of the Courthouse or Market Square, whether it be on property belonging to the Corporation of the Town of Goderich or belonging to the Corporation of the County of Huron. This paragraph shall not apply to any person making deliveries to the Courthouse, or to any Police Constable delivering a prisoner to the courthouse, who is unable to remove his/her vehicle due to the nature of his/her visit, or to any official or employee of the County of Huron or Province of Ontario, who in the nature of his/her work finds it necessary to bring his/her car into the Market or Courthouse Square for the purpose of picking up heavy books or occupants except that the County may place and maintain one (1) handicapped parking spot.

- h) No person shall park for a period exceeding four (4) hours in any one parking space in a restricted parking area, as identified by clause i) of this section, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Mondays to Fridays inclusive, except that this provision shall not apply to Police vehicles or to parking spaces marked as for 'Emergency Doctor Parking & Authorized Emergency Vehicles Only'.
- i) The restricted parking area referred to in clause h) of this section is comprised of the angle parking spaces on the east side of Cambria Road between Wolfe Street and Gloucester Terrace.
- j) No person shall park overnight in any park unless permission has been granted by Council or in any emergency approval has been given by the Chief of Police. Except that cars and trucks rated smaller than 1 ton may park in the Lighthouse Street Parking Lot, the Livery Parking Lot and the Town Hall/Police Station Parking Lot overnight, however, no person shall park a vehicle in the Lighthouse Street Parking Lot, the Livery Parking Lot and the Town Hall/Police Station

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Parking Lot for a period longer than 24 hours.

The work "Parks" used herein shall include all lands, water, buildings and facilities owned by or under the control of the Town of Goderich

5. Prohibited parking

No person shall on a street park a vehicle:

- a) within an intersection;
- b) on any street in such a manner as to obstruct traffic;
- c) on any grassed boulevard;
- d) on any sidewalk;
- e) in front of or within one metre of a driveway or laneway or so as to obstruct vehicles in the use of a driveway or laneway. Except that this provision shall not apply to Goderich Hydro or the Town of Goderich when a vehicle owned by Goderich Hydro or the Town of Goderich is parked in a driveway that leads to property owned or occupied by Goderich Hydro or the Town of Goderich, provided that the vehicle is on bona fide business to that particular establishment to which the driveway leads;
- f) within six metres of an intersecting roadway, other than on The Square;
- g) within 15 metres of any level crossing or a railway;
- h) on any roadway having an overall width of less than 6 metres;
- i) for an unreasonable length of time having regard for the traffic, and in no case for a longer period than 24 hours;
- j) in front of a fire hydrant - three metres each way;
- k) alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such stopping would obstruct traffic;
- l) on the roadway side of any vehicle parked or stopped at the curb or edge of the roadway;
- m) along any street or part of a street where police "No Parking" signs are erected or placed;
- n) at any parking space in such a manner as to obstruct the use of any adjoining parking space, or, where there are markings for any such parking space, in any manner not in conformity with the same;
- o) within 30 metres of an intersection controlled by traffic signals;
- p) in such a position as will prevent the removal of any other vehicle previously parked;
- q) in any parking space where signed "Emergency Doctor Parking and Authorized Emergency Vehicles Only" and the exception would be medical doctors and authorized emergency vehicles only permitted on those spaces.

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- r) on any school day in any area duly signed as a school bus loading zone as designated in Schedule 10 to this by-law.

6. Signed parking restrictions on certain streets

Where properly worded signs are erected and are on display, no person shall on any street park any vehicle:

- a) within a turning basin;
- b) in front of an entrance or exit from any building or enclosed space in which persons may be expected to congregate in large numbers;
- c) in front of the entrance to the Fire Hall or Hospital;
- d) in front of the entrance to any place where goods or merchandise are regularly delivered or removed;
- e) when properly worded signs are on display at the entrance to town, no person shall park any vehicle on any street in the Town of Goderich between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. from November 15th to March 15th inclusive.

EXEMPTION: The angle parking areas on both sides of South Street, between The Square and Elgin Avenue, are exempted from the provisions of this subsection providing the vehicles parked therein are displaying an approved sticker verifying that the owner/driver is a bona fide occupant of a room at the Bedford Hotel. Such sticker shall be displayed on the left-hand side of the windshield of the vehicle and shall be provided by the management of the Bedford Hotel.

EXEMPTION: The angle parking area on south east side of Oxford Street, from Maitland Road, for a distance of 84 metres south westerly are exempt from the provisions of this subsection providing the vehicles parked herein are displaying an approved sticker verifying the owner/driver is a bonafide employee of Sifto Salt Canada Inc. Such sticker shall be displayed on the left-hand side of the windshield of the vehicle and shall be provided by the management of Sifto Canada Inc.

- f) with the exception of a Disabled Person's Vehicle; in any space designated by signs, as being reserved for such Disabled Persons' Vehicles;
- g) on those streets designated in Schedule 8 to this by-law as prohibited by properly worded signs;
- h) when properly worded signs are on display in three parking spaces, on either side of the concrete sidewalk at the South Street entrance of the Courthouse and one parking spot on the west side of the concrete sidewalk at the North Street side of the Courthouse, on the inside circumference of the Square. Signs to read "Reserved Parking". The reserved parking is reserved for Judges and Justice's of the Peace only;
- i) on the north side of Bruce Street outside the south walk of the Huron County Pioneer Museum in the area designated as a bus unloading/loading zone.

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- j) on the north side of Napier Street outside the entrance to the Huron County Assessment office in the area designated as a loading zone.

7. No stopping areas

Where properly worded signs are erected and are on display, no person shall stop a vehicle on any highway at the side and between the limits set out respectively in Columns 1, 2 and 3 of Schedule 9 to this by-law during the prohibited times and days set out in Column 4 of the said Schedule.

PART VI

CONTROLLING ON AND OFF STREET PARKING FOR DISABLED PERSONS

1. Interpretation

In this part:

- a) Designated parking space - means a parking space designated under this by-law for the exclusive use of a vehicle displaying a permit in accordance with the requirements of the Highway Traffic Act and the regulations made thereunder and this by-law.
 - b) Municipal property - means any open area or portion of a structure, other than a street or highway, intended for the temporary parking of vehicles and on which there are designated parking spaces.
 - c) Permit - means a disabled person parking permit issued under the Highway Traffic Act or a permit, number plate or other marker or device issued by another jurisdiction and recognized under that Act.
2. A designated parking space shall be distinctly indicated in accordance with the requirements of the Highway Traffic Act and the regulations made thereunder.
3. Designated parking spaces,
- a) on streets and highways are described in Schedule 11, and
 - b) on municipal property are described in Schedule 12.
4. No person or organization shall park a vehicle in a designated parking space unless a currently valid permit has been issued to that person, organization or to a passenger being picked up or transported in the vehicle and such permit is displayed on or in the vehicle in accordance with the requirements of the Highway Traffic Act, the regulations made thereunder and this by-law.

PART VII

POWER TO REMOVE ANY OFFENDING VEHICLE

1. A police officer, or municipal law enforcement officer, upon discovery of any vehicle parked or standing in contravention of this by-law, may cause it to be moved or taken to and placed or stored in a suitable place and all costs and charges for removing, care and storage thereof, if any, are a lien upon the vehicle, which may be enforced in the manner provided by Section 52 of the Mechanics' Lien Act.

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PART VIII

ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTY

1. Every person who breaches a section of this by-law is guilty of an offence and subject to a penalty as provided under the "Provincial Offences Act."

PART IX

1. That this by-law hereby repeal By-law No. 54 of 1984 and any amendments thereto.

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS TWENTY-THIRD DAY OF JANUARY, 1989.

READ A THIRD AND FINAL TIME AND FINALLY PASSED THIS THIRTEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1989.

MAYOR

CLERK