

To: Community and Operations Services Committee

From: Kevin Alexander, Commissioner,  
Community and Operations Services Department

Report Number: CO-23-67

Date of Report: November 29, 2023

Date of Meeting: December 4, 2023

Subject: Downtown On-Street Parking

Ward: Ward 4

File: 03-05

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## **1.0 Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to respond to Council direction CS-21-78 from its June 21, 2021 meeting:

“That staff investigate the addition of on-street parking and/or temporary delivery pickup parking at the following locations:

- the east side of Simcoe Street immediately north of King Street due to the decommissioning of the bus stop at this location; and,
- on the west side of Simcoe Street north of King Street; and,
- on the south side of Bond Street east of Centre Street; and,
- on the east side of Centre Street between Bond Street and Richmond Street; and,
- on the south side of Bond Street between Centre Street and McMillan Drive; and,
- on the east side of Centre Street South between King Street East and John Street.”

Attachment 1 is a map depicting Locations 1, 2 and 3.

Attachment 2 is a map depicting Locations 4, 5 and 6.

Attachment 3 is a map depicting Locations 7 and 8.

Attachment 4 is a map depicting Locations 9 and 10.

Attachment 5 is a map depicting Location 11.

## **2.0 Recommendation**

That the Community and Operations Services Committee recommend to City Council:

1. That the new on-street paid parking spaces proposed within this report be approved; and,
2. That 'Schedule III – PARKING FOR RESTRICTED PERIODS' of the Traffic and Parking By-law 79-99, as amended, be further amended to add a 15 minute maximum permissible parking area, anytime, on the south side of Bond Street West between a point 86 metres east of Centre Street North and a point 46 metres east of Centre Street North; and,
3. That 'Schedule VII – Control Device On Street' of the Traffic and Parking By-law 79-99, as amended, be further amended to add a 2 hour maximum permissible parking area, at a rate of 1.25 dollar for 60 minutes, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday inclusive except holidays, on the south side of Bond Street West between a point 14 metres west of Centre Street North and a point 25 metres west of Centre Street North; and,
4. That a copy of this report be provided to the Regional Municipality of Durham for information.

## **3.0 Executive Summary**

The locations identified in CS-21-78 were investigated by City of Oshawa and the Region of Durham staff and the following is proposed:

New paid two (2) hour on-street parking spaces at the following locations:

- Attachment 2, Location 6 - Two (2) parking spaces on the south side of Bond Street West between Centre Street North and McMillan Drive near 20 Centre Street North.
- Attachment 3, Location 8 - Four (4) parking spaces on the east side of Centre Street South between Athol Street West and Bagot Street.
- Attachment 4, Location 9 - Four (4) parking spaces on the east side of Centre Street South between Bagot Street and Metcalfe Street.
- Attachment 4, Location 10 - Six (6) parking spaces on the east side of Centre Street South between Metcalfe Street and John Street West.

New un-paid on-street parking spaces at the following locations:

- Attachment 2, Location 4 - The entire lay-by lane on the south side of Bond Street West between Centre Street North and Simcoe Street North is proposed for 15 minute parking.

If approved, the new parking spaces would be installed in Q2 of 2024.

The remaining locations identified in CS-21-78 were investigated by City of Oshawa and Region of Durham staff and additional on-street parking is not recommended within the following locations due to safety and operational concerns:

- Attachment 1, Location 1. On the east side of Simcoe Street North between King Street and Bond Street.
- Attachment 1, Location 2. On the west side of Simcoe Street North between King Street and Bond Street.
- Attachment 1, Location 3. On the south Side of Bond Street West between Simcoe Street North and Centre Street North.
- Attachment 2, Location 5. On the east side of Centre Street North between Bond Street West and Richmond Street West.
- Attachment 3, Location 7. On The east side if Centre Street South between King Street West and Athol Street West.
- Attachment 5, Location 11 - Four (4) parking spaces on the east side of Simcoe Street North between Bond Street and Richmond Street were removed in 2020 to provide additional space for a Metrolinx and Durham Region Transit bus stop. The space is still required as a bus stop, and the parking cannot be reinstated at this time.

#### **4.0 Input From Other Sources**

- Business and Economic Development Services
- Municipal Law Enforcement and Licensing Services (M.L.E.L.S.)
- The Regional Municipality of Durham

### **5.0 Analysis**

#### **5.1 Locations**

##### **5.1.1 East side of Simcoe Street North, between King Street and Bond Street**

Simcoe Street North is under the jurisdiction of the Region of Durham.

Following the decommissioning of a Durham Region Transit bus stop, one (1) on-street paid parking space has already been installed at this location. Given required sight-lines for a nearby laneway, there is not adequate space for additional parking in this area.

This location is identified on Attachment 1 as location '1'.

##### **5.1.2 West side of Simcoe Street North, between King Street and Bond Street**

Simcoe Street North is under the jurisdiction of the Region of Durham.

The Region of Durham reviewed this area and determined additional on-street parking cannot be added to the west side of Simcoe Street North at this time due to the following:

- There are safety concerns associated to the proposed on-street parking on the west side of Simcoe Street North which could present conflict with the dedicated eastbound left turn lane on King Street West. Adding on-street parking in this area could create an unsafe pedestrian crossing at the intersection of King Street and Simcoe Street.

- The west side far left lane of Simcoe Street North between King Street and Bond Street is a dedicated left turn lane to travel westbound on Bond Street West. Heavy northbound left turn traffic on Simcoe Street North between King Street and Bond Street also poses an operational concern to convert the area for on-street parking. The existing left turn lane must be maintained at this time.

This location is identified on Attachment 1 as location '2'.

### **5.1.3 South side of Bond Street West, between Simcoe Street North and Centre Street North**

Bond Street West is under the jurisdiction of the City of Oshawa.

A signed Taxi Stand area is located on the south side of Bond Street West immediately west of Simcoe Street North. This area is not recommended to be converted to on-street parking at this time due to the following:

- This area is in close proximity to the regional intersection of Bond Street and Simcoe Street North.
- On-street parking in this area would be in conflict with northbound left turning traffic from Simcoe Street North turning on to Bond Street West.

This Taxi Stand area is identified on Attachment 1 as location '3'.

The lay-by lane on the south side of Bond Street West in front of 47 Bond Street West is currently signed as a 'No Standing Area'. A 'No Standing' area only permits receiving and discharging passengers. Due to the closure of the bus terminal, this 'No Standing Area' is no longer necessary.

Adequate space for approximately one vehicle within lay-by lane is also signed as a 15 minute parking area. This 15 minute parking area was installed in 2021 to support a curbside pickup area for downtown restaurants.

It is recommended that the 15 minute parking area within the lay-by lane be maintained, and that the remaining space within the lay-by lane be converted to a 15 minute parking area. This will make the entire lay-by lane a consistent 15 minute parking area.

47 Bond Street West (former bus terminal) is proposed for re-development. The re-development could have implications for the lay-by lane and on-street parking in the area. However, given the low cost to convert this area to 15 minute parking, it is still recommended even if it is not permanent.

This lay-by lane is identified on Attachment 2 as location '4'.

### **5.1.4 East side of Centre Street North, between Bond Street West and Richmond Street West**

Centre Street North is under the jurisdiction of the Region of Durham.

The Region of Durham reviewed this area and determined additional on-street parking cannot be added to the east side of Centre Street between Bond Street West and Richmond Street West at this time due to the following:

- There is not sufficient curb space between the driveways and garage access in this area to support parking.
- The curb space at the south end of this area is too close to the intersection of Bond Street West and Centre Street North to safely allow for parking.

This location is identified on Attachment 2 as location '5'.

#### **5.1.5 South side of Bond Street West, between Centre Street North and McMillan Drive**

This location is under the jurisdiction of the Region of Durham due to the areas proximity to the regional intersection of Bond Street West and Centre Street North.

The Region of Durham reviewed this location and are proposing that two (2) new paid two (2) hour on-street parking spaces can be installed in this area near 20 Centre Street North. Payment for these spaces will be facilitated by a coin operated parking meter and the mobile application Honk Mobile.

The proposed parking in this location requires final field review by the Region of Durham and could be subject to change.

This location is identified on Attachment 2 as location '6'.

#### **5.1.6 East side of Centre Street South between King Street West and John Street West**

Centre Street is under the jurisdiction of the Region of Durham.

A lay-by lane is located on the east side of Centre Street South between King Street West and Athol Street West. This area is signed as a 'No Parking Anytime' zone and is primarily used by staff and visitors to the Michael Starr Building as a pick-up and drop-off area. However, the lay-by lane is proposed to be removed as part of an upcoming Centre Street North roadway reconstruction contract. This lay-by lane is identified on Attachment 3 as location '7'.

The Region of Durham reviewed this area and are proposing the following for each road segment:

- On Centre Street South from Athol Street West to Bagot Street.
  - Four (4) new paid two (2) hour on-street parking spaces are proposed.
  - Payment for these spaces facilitated by one (1) new Pay by Plate parking machine and the mobile application Honk Mobile.
  - This location is identified on Attachment 3 as location '8'.
- On Centre Street South from Bagot Street to Metcalfe Street.
  - Four (4) new paid two (2) hour on-street parking spaces are proposed.

- Payment for these spaces facilitated by coin operated parking meters and the mobile application Honk Mobile.
- This location is identified on Attachment 4 as location '9'.
- On Centre Street South between Metcalfe Street and John Street West (west side of Memorial Park)
  - Six (6) new paid two (2) hour on-street parking spaces are proposed.
  - Payment for these spaces facilitated by coin operated parking meters and the mobile application Honk Mobile.
  - This location is identified on Attachment 4 as location '10'.

The proposed parking in this location requires final field review by the Region of Durham and could be subject to change.

The Region of Durham staff will process the necessary by-law amendments for the on-street parking on Centre Street South in the first quarter of 2024.

#### **5.1.7 East side of Simcoe Street North, north of Bond Street**

Simcoe Street North is under the jurisdiction of the Region of Durham.

Four (4) parking spaces on the east side of Simcoe Street North between Bond Street and Richmond Street were removed in 2020. Metrolinx requested the removal of the parking spaces to extend the existing bus zone in this block, and allow for enough space for both a Durham Region Transit bus stop and new Go Transit bus stop.

To confirm if the parking could be reinstated or if it was still required for the bus stops, staff reached out to Durham Region Transit and Metrolinx. Durham Region Transit has confirmed the space is assisting with their operation and would like to keep it in place. Metrolinx has confirmed they would like to commence bus service in this area starting in January 2024.

This location is identified on Attachment 5 as location '11'.

## **6.0 Financial Implications**

The estimated cost to install the recommended paid on-street parking spaces is \$14,000. This cost can be managed within the Department's 2024 Operating Budget.

## **7.0 Relationship to the Oshawa Strategic Plan**

This Report addresses the Oshawa Strategic Plan Goal of Social Equity.

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Beth Mullen, Director,  
Community Support Services

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Kevin Alexander, Commissioner,  
Community and Operations Services Department



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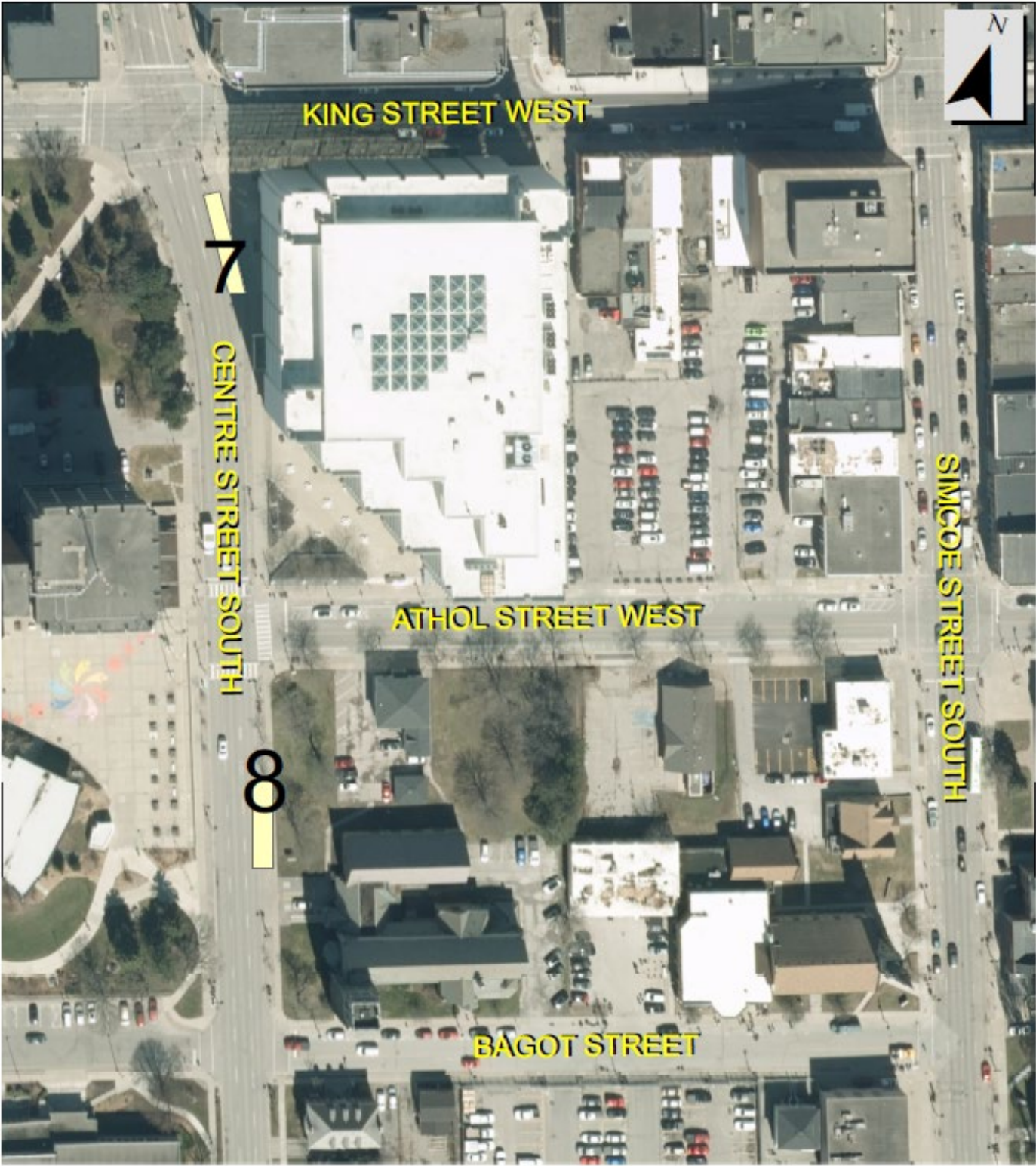


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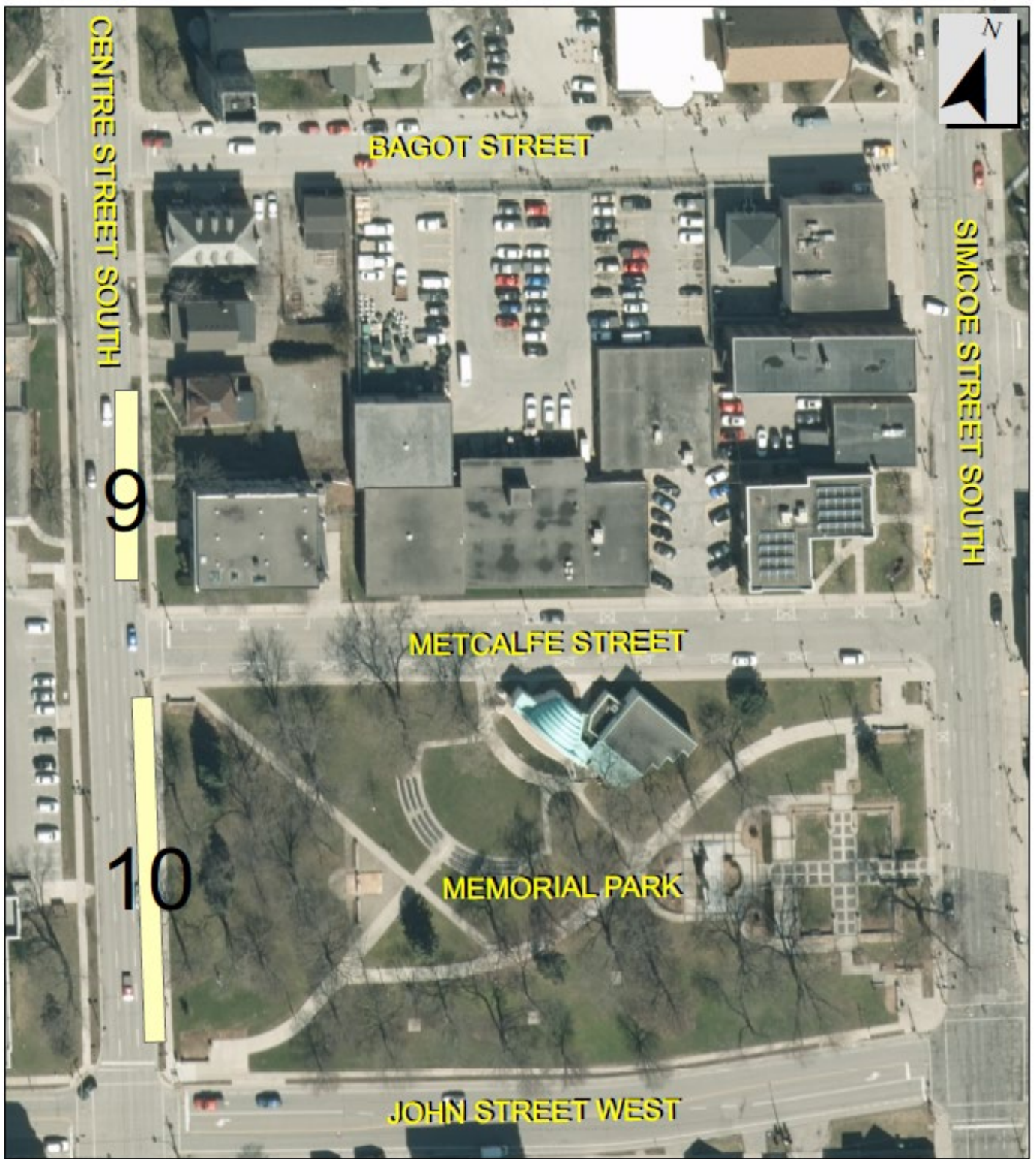
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