
REPORT 8
(1215/12/IM)

PARKING: MAIN ROAD - TAWA

1. Purpose of Report

To amend parking times outside the Skipping Bull on Main Road Tawa to allow patrons sufficient time to order and leisurely consume their meal without the fear of receiving a parking infringement notice

2. Executive Summary

In 2010 there was an approach from the owners of the Skipping Bull to increase the parking limit outside their premises. There was a one hour time limit and this was claimed to be insufficient for their customers to call and enjoy their lunch.

Skipping Bull has requested that the time limit be increased to at least 120 minutes.

3. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Tawa Community Board:

- 1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Agree to recommend to the Wellington City Council that the parks immediately outside the Skipping Bull (from the Mary Potter Hospice shop to Lincoln Avenue) be made 120 minutes.*

4. Background

Due to the increased surveillance by Parkwise, people were not taking the risk of getting a parking ticket for exceeding the hour and thus were not having lunch there.

The business owner claimed that the time limit was having an adverse affect on the business.

As members of the 'roading group' Malcolm Sparrow and I considered the request, considered the impact on the business, considered that there was a hairdresser across the road and that some 'work' took longer than an hour, recommended that the time limit be increased to 2 hours between Lincoln Avenue and Essex Street.

This matter was referred to the Tawa Community Board in September 2010 as part of a composite report on three parking issues. The recommendation from the Council Officer was to recommend the adoption of all three. Discussion took place and the Tawa Community Board disagreed with this one which recommended:

Council officers received a request from the owners of the Skipping Bull Bar and Steakhouse to review the current parking restrictions within the vicinity of their business. The owners believe that the current restrictions do not meet the needs of the Tawa community or the businesses serving them.

The Board members on the Working Group have recommended that the current P60 restriction along the western kerbline between Essex Street and Lincoln Avenue be increased to P120. The officer on the Working Group does not support the entire change as other businesses' activities may require shorter parking time limits.

Delete from Schedule A (Time Limited Parking) Schedule B (Restricted Parking) Schedule C (Turning and One Way Restrictions) Schedule D (No Stopping Restrictions) Schedule E (Residents Parking) Schedule F (Metered Parking) Schedule G (Give Way and Stop Controls) Schedule H (Pedestrian Crossings) of the Traffic Restrictions Schedule.

All current restrictions on Main Road, (Tawa) along the western kerbline between Essex Street and Lincoln Avenue.

Add to Schedule A (Time Limited Parking) of the Traffic Restrictions Schedule

Column One

Main Road (Tawa)

Column Two

P120, Monday to Saturday 8:00am – 6:00pm.

Column Three

West side, commencing 12 metres north of its intersection with Essex Street (Grid Coordinates $x= 1753087.9$ m, $y= 5440808.2$ m), and extending in a northerly direction following the western kerbline for 75 metres. (23 angle parking spaces)

Add to Schedule B (Restricted Parking) of the Traffic Restrictions Schedule.

Column One	Column Two	Column Three
<i>Main Road (Tawa)</i>	<i>Bus stop, at all times.</i>	<i>West side, commencing 97 metres north of its intersection with Essex Street (Grid Coordinates $x= 1753087.9$ m, $y= 5440808.2$ m), and extending in a northerly direction following the western kerbline for 13 metres.</i>

Add to Schedule D (No Stopping Restrictions) of the Traffic Restrictions Schedule

Column One	Column Two	Column Three
<i>Main Road (Tawa)</i>	<i>No stopping, at all times</i>	<i>West side, commencing from its intersection with Essex Street (Grid Coordinates $x= 1753087.9$ m, $y= 5440808.2$ m), and extending in a northerly direction following the western kerbline for 4 metres.</i>
<i>Main Road (Tawa)</i>	<i>No stopping, at all times</i>	<i>West side, commencing 8 metres north of its intersection with Essex Street (Grid Coordinates $x= 1753087.9$ m, $y= 5440808.2$ m), and extending in a northerly direction following the western kerbline for 4 metres.</i>
<i>Main Road (Tawa)</i>	<i>No stopping, at all times</i>	<i>West side, commencing 87 metres north of its intersection with Essex Street (Grid Coordinates $x= 1753087.9$ m, $y= 5440808.2$ m), and extending in a northerly direction following the western kerbline for 10 metres.</i>

Main Road (Tawa) No stopping, at all times West side, commencing 110 metres north of its intersection with Essex Street (Grid Coordinates x= 1753087.9 m, y= 5440808.2 m), and extending in a northerly direction following the western kerbline to its intersection with Lincoln Avenue.

The Tawa Community Board had varying opinions. They ranged from:

- was 120 minutes long enough,
- should all parks within the Main Road shopping precinct be 120 minutes, or longer.
- should the status quo remain.
- should there be a full review of all parking in Tawa.

In the end it was decided that there should be a full review but there was no mechanism in place to make this recommendation and the entire motion on traffic resolutions was voted down.

Discussions, after the meeting, with the Council Officer were held and it is his belief that a formal report and recommendation should come to the Tawa Community Board, from the Primary Liaison Persons, and then referred to the Wellington City Council as a recommendation from the Tawa Community Board if that is the Tawa Community Board's wish.

Following the September 2010 meeting the Wellington City Council has undertaken a survey of parking in Tawa in September 2010 and polled businesses on the Main Road.

Fifty five percent of businesses voted to retain 60 minute parking and forty-four percent voted for other alternatives.

The request from Skipping Bull, and the report from Wellington City Council, has been considered by the Board Roving Primary Liaison Person, Graeme Hansen, and the Board Chair, Malcolm Sparrow, who believe that to not make changes in the immediate vicinity of Skipping Bull impacts in diners who wish to enjoy a meal without the risk of a parking infringement.

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