

BYLAW 20272 - AMENDMENT TO TRAFFIC BYLAW 5590

RECOMMENDATION

That Community and Public Services Committee recommend to City Council:

That Bylaw 20272 be given the appropriate readings.

Report Purpose

To amend Traffic Bylaw 5590 to increase the fine amount for parking bans from \$100 to \$250.

Readings

Bylaw 20272 is ready for three readings. If Council wishes to give three readings during a single meeting, then prior to moving third reading, Council must unanimously agree “That Bylaw 20272 be considered for third reading.”

Position of Administration

Administration supports this Bylaw.

Report Summary

Bylaw 20272 amends Traffic Bylaw 5590 by increasing the fine amount for a parking ban from \$100 to \$250. This increased fine amount is in alignment with similar bylaw infractions and will also work as an additional deterrent to non-compliance during declared parking bans.

REPORT

At the July 4, 2022, City Council meeting, council members voted to support enhanced enforcement service levels as it relates to City Operations snow removal on streets and sidewalks. Within the report, CO01277 Snow and Ice Control - Programmed Approach for the 2022-2023, the three provisions were directed to increase service delivery and efficiency:

- increase parking ban enforcement
- introduce a tow during parking bans
- increase proactive snow on sidewalk enforcement

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Service level enhancements include newly dedicated municipal enforcement officers to support the Snow and Ice Control (SNIC) program for the 2022-23 winter season, shifting the City's current response-based approach to proactive enforcement of the parking ban and "snow on sidewalk" investigations.

Officers will issue warnings in advance of residential street blading to address low compliance rates, and then follow up to ticket and tow in tandem with the snow and ice removal operators visiting a neighbourhood. Vehicles in violation of the parking ban would be removed and placed at the nearest available street location, allowing operators to blade curb-to-curb in a safe and efficient manner. Administration would inform vehicle owners of the towing program and what to do if their vehicle is removed from its original parking spot.

Amending Traffic Bylaw 5590 to increase the parking ban fine amount from \$100 to \$250 will bring the fine amount into alignment with most bylaw infractions and would work as an additional deterrence for non-compliance (Attachment 1).

When a parking ban is not in effect, municipal enforcement officers would prioritize "snow on sidewalk" investigations in areas with reported low mobility concerns, high pedestrian traffic locations, and sites with public safety concerns, such as major bus routes, DATS pick up zones, hospitals, seniors centers, school zones, recreation areas, commercial and business areas. This additional, proactive enforcement is anticipated to increase compliance, improve mobility and increase safety for pedestrians.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Bylaw 20272 - Traffic Bylaw 5590 Amendment No. 153
2. Bylaw 5590 - Traffic Bylaw Amendment No. 153 - Red Line

OTHERS REVIEWING THIS REPORT

- M. Plouffe, City Solicitor
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