



CITY COUNCIL ADDITIONAL AGENDA

Monday, December 13, 2010 – Council Chambers, City Hall

Call to Order: N/A

I. BYLAWS

- I.1. Traffic Bylaw Amendment 3186/B-2010
Consideration of Three Readings
Division: Planning Services
Department: Inspections & Licensing

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Inspections & Licensing

DATE: December 6, 2010

TO: Craig Curtis, City Manager

FROM: Julia Townell

SUBJECT: Traffic Bylaw Amendment No. 3186/B-2010

Background

Inspections & Licensing is responsible for the administration of parking enforcement. On September 1, 2008, The City of Red Deer entered into a new towing contract, which resulted in an increase in the cost of towing vehicles. Under the new contract, the cost for towing a vehicle is greater than the ticket for parking in a restricted area. For example, the cost per tow, from any location in the city, can range from \$45.00 to \$65.00 per tow, plus \$40.00 if a winch is required, and \$25.00 for dollies, etc. Further, there is an additional charge of \$75.00 per hour for standby service.

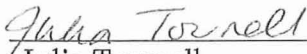
There is currently no charge for towing of the vehicle included in the ticket penalty assessed to the vehicle owner. Based on the towing of 550 vehicles (2009/2010) this has resulted in an annual cost to the taxpayer of approximately \$60,000.

Other Municipalities

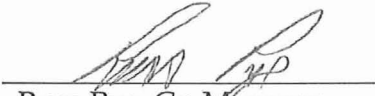
The costs related to towing vary between municipalities, depending on the fees associated with the towing contract. Municipalities also deal with the cost of towing in three different ways. Some municipalities tow the vehicle to the impound lot, where the owner must pay the towing fee, as well as any storage related charges. Some municipalities incorporate the cost of towing a vehicle into the parking ticket. While other municipalities, like The City of Red Deer, absorb the cost associated with towing a vehicle.

Recommendation

It is the opinion of the Inspections & Licensing and Public Works Department that the towing costs should be paid by those responsible for the towing, rather than the general public. Administration recommends that Council consider three readings to Bylaw Amendment 3186/B-2010, to include a \$70.00 charge to cover towing costs.


Julia Townell
Bylaw Research
Coordinator


Joyce Boon, Co-Manager,
Inspections & Licensing


Russ Pye, Co-Manager,
Inspections & Licensing

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- c. Paul Meyette, Director, Planning Services
Greg Sikora, Manager, Public Works

BYLAW NO. 3186/B-2010

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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RED DEER, ALBERTA, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

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MAYOR

CITY CLERK

Comments:

I support the recommendation of Administration to proceed with three readings of Traffic Bylaw Amendment 3186/B-2010, which includes a \$70.00 charge to cover towing costs.

"Craig Curtis"
City Manager



Council Decision – December 13, 2010

DATE: December 16, 2010
TO: Julia Townell, Bylaw Research Coordinator
FROM: Elaine Vincent, Legislative & Governance Services Manager
SUBJECT: Traffic Bylaw Amendment 3186/B-2010

Reference Report:

Bylaw Research Coordinator, dated December 6, 2010.

Bylaw Readings:

Traffic Amendment 3186/B-2010 received three readings at the December 13, 2010 regular Council Meeting. A copy of the bylaw is attached.

Report Back to Council: No

Comments/Further Action:

The Traffic Bylaw Amendment 3186/B-2010 provides for the inclusion of a \$70.00 fee to cover towing costs. This office will amend the consolidated version of the Traffic Bylaw 3186/97 and distribute copies of the bylaw in due course.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elaine Vincent'.

Elaine Vincent
Legislative & Governance Services Manager
/attach

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