

DECISION/DIRECTION NOTE

Title: Snow Clearing By-Law Amendments

Date Prepared: November 10, 2020

Report To: Regular Meeting of Council

Councillor and Role: Councillor Ian Froude, Public Works & Sustainability

Ward: N/A

Decision/Direction Required:

To approve the amendments to the Snow Clearing By-Law that give effect to the new winter parking restrictions as discussed at COTW on October 28, 2020.

Discussion – Background and Current Status:

On October 28, 2020, Public Works presented a Decision Note to Council at COTW concerning revisions to the winter parking restrictions. Council approved two of the recommendations from the Decision Note, being:

1. Extend the overnight parking ban in areas outside the downtown, when operationally required. This restriction would apply when the DCM determines it is necessary due to a snow event.
2. Revise the hours of the Downtown Winter Parking Restriction which is used during snow removal operations. The current restriction is from 12:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. and the proposed hours are from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

As identified in the Legal or Policy Implications section of the Decision Note, both of these recommendations require changes be made to the existing Snow Clearing By-Law. The Legal Department, working with Public Works, has drafted these By-Law amendments.

To avoid multiple sections and confusion, Legal recommends amending the existing section 4(1) to reflect the needs of Public Works concerning the parking ban outside the Downtown/Business District. The new, amended section would read:

4(1). Notwithstanding section 4, the Deputy City Manager – Public Works and Parks may at anytime implement a 24 hour parking restriction outside the Downtown and Business District, and when such restriction is in effect no person shall park a motor vehicle or trailer on any street outside the Downtown and Business District until the restriction is lifted.

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In consultation with Communications and Public Works, the Legal Department has also drafted a section that clarifies that notice of the 24 hour parking restriction will be done online.

Public Works has recommended that notice of the 24 hour parking restriction be handled similar to other snow advisories. That is, Public Works will notify Communications of the start time of the 24 hour ban, and Communications will forward this message to the public. Public Works will aim to give as much notice as it can; however, as forecasts can change, this might not always be possible. When the 24 hour restriction is over, Communications will be notified again. Public Works indicates that the goal is for residents to become familiar with the way these events are declared and learn to anticipate them based on the forecast.

Key Considerations/Implications:**1. Budget/Financial Implications:**

- The 24hr parking restriction is a separate ticketable offence under the Snow Clearing By-Law

2. Partners or Other Stakeholders:

- The general public
- Public Works
- Regulatory Services – Parking Services
- Communications

3. Alignment with Strategic Directions/Adopted Plans:

- A City that Moves – improve safety for all users on a well-maintained street network – by implementing parking restrictions that allow for snow clearing operations

4. Legal or Policy Implications: N/A**5. Privacy Implications: N/A****6. Engagement and Communications Considerations:**

- Amendments to the By-Law will have to be advertised and published in the Gazette in order to legally be in effect
- Communications will work with the Public Works Department and the Access Centre to ensure that a plan is put in place to notify the public about (1) overall changes to the City's winter parking bans and (2) the 24-hour restriction, as called.

7. Human Resource Implications: N/A

8. Procurement Implications: N/A

9. Information Technology Implications:

- The amended By-Law will have to be updated on the City's Website.

10. Other Implications:

Recommendation:

That Council approve the amendments to the Snow Clearing By-Law that give effect to the new winter parking restrictions as discussed at COTW on October 28, 2020.

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Report Approval Details

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