Request for Recommendation Traffic Committee



Meeting Date	December 3, 2009					Report Date	November 25, 2009			
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Report Title

Overnight Parking - Winter Months

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This report and recommendation(s) have been reviewed by the Finance Division and the funding source has been identified

Recommendation

That the overnight parking prohibition during winter months that currently ends on March 31st be extended to and including May 15th of each year, and;

That the by-law be passed by City Council to amend Traffic and Parking By-Law 2001-1 in the City of Greater Sudbury to implement the recommended change all in accordance with the report from the General Manager of Infrastructure Services, dated November 25, 2009.

X Background attached

Recommendation attached

Recommended by the Department Head

Greg Clausen, P. Eng. General Manager of Infrastructure Services

Recommended by the C.A.O.

Doug Nadorozny Chief Administrative Officer

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Date: December 3, 2009

Dave Kivi, Coordinator of Transportation and Traffic, Engineering Services

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Background:

The City's Traffic and Parking By-Law 2001-1 currently prohibits the parking of vehicles on any highway during the hours of 12:00 midnight to 7:00 a.m., from December 1st to March 31st. These restrictions are in place to facilitate the clearing and removal of snow during the winter months. The Roads and Transportation's Operation's Division has identified a significant problem with parked vehicles on the road during spring street sweeping operations. To facilitate this operation they have requested that the overnight parking restrictions be extended to from March 31st to May 15th.

In recent years, April snow storms have become a more common occurrence. Once snow and ice has melted, the City undertakes a comprehensive street sweeping operation on all roadways to remove the winter sand that has accumulated during the winter months. The street sweeping operation involves the deployment of thirteen (13) street sweepers and several sidewalk sweepers and takes approximately six (6) weeks to complete. The presence of parked cars on the street hampers this operation resulting in having to go around the parked cars and having to return to the street at a later time for a second pass. This results in additional cost, and delays the completion of the program. Extending the overnight parking restriction will greatly reduce the problems that are currently encountered. As spring clean up proceeds and each area of the city is completed, the enforcement of the bylaw will be suspended.

It is recommended that the Traffic and Parking By-law be amended to extend the overnight parking restrictions to May 15th each year and that the change become effective upon passing of this By-law. Should Council approve the recommendation, Staff will readvertise the change to keep the public informed. Staff will also arrange to change the regulatory signs that are posted at entry points into the local community.