

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - JUNE 1, 2010

PARKING CONTROL BY-LAW AMENDMENT – ALL WARDS

Recommendation

The Director of Enforcement Services recommends:

1. That Section 13 the Parking By-law, 1-96, be amended to include authority for Enforcement Services staff to tow vehicles found in contravention of the By-law from roadways.

Contribution to Sustainability

This amendment will potentially reduce the impact on the environment by removing derelict vehicles from the roadway, and eliminate the need for snow plows to re-attend those areas previously blocked by vehicles.

Economic Impact

There is no economic impact with this amendment. Enforcement Services has an existing contract with a towing provider. The cost of towing is passed on to the vehicle owner.

Communications Plan

N/A

Purpose

This report is to introduce an amendment to the Parking Control By-law.

Background - Analysis and Options

The Parking By-law, 1-96, provides the restrictions and requirements for parking throughout the City of Vaughan, both on municipal and private property. The By-law also provides the authority to deal with those that contravene those restrictions and requirements.

Recently, it was discovered that the authority to tow vehicles found in contravention of the By-law on the roadways was deficient. In order for staff to be authorized to arrange for the removal by towing offending vehicles from the road, the Parking Control By-law requires an amendment.

Authority to tow vehicles from the roadway is required for several reasons:

- Abandoned vehicles
- Safety purposes (emergency access blocked, interfere with snow removal)
- Chronic offenders

Therefore, staff are recommending that Section 13 of By-law 1-96 be amended to provide for the authority to tow vehicles from the roadways in Vaughan.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

This report is in keeping with the Vaughan Vision/Strategic Plan initiatives related to service excellence and community safety.

The necessary resources have been approved and allocated.

Regional Implications

N/A

Conclusion

The addition of the authority to tow certain vehicles found in contravention of the Parking By-law is necessary to address abandoned vehicles, safety issues, and chronic offenders.

Attachments

None

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