

STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

From: Robin MacNair, Bylaw Compliance Officer
Meeting Date: March 4, 2019
File No.: 3900-20-1309
RE: **AMENDMENTS TO STREETS AND TRAFFIC BYLAW NO. 1309**

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council proceed with first, second and third readings of Bylaw 1993 cited as "Town of Ladysmith Streets and Traffic Bylaw 1998, No. 1309, Amendment Bylaw # 6, 2019, No. 1993."

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this staff report is to present to Council amendments to the Streets and Traffic Bylaw to amend Schedule "B", which is the impound fee schedule, to match impound fees approved by ICBC and to provide a new definition for "boulevard".

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION

In 2018, Council adopted the Bylaw Compliance Policy. The Policy contains a list of compliance priorities. The amendments to the Streets and Traffic Bylaw will assist in addressing concerns that fall under Priority #1 (Public Land, Public Resources, Public Safety) and Priority #3 (Parking).

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:

After reviewing the Streets and Traffic Bylaw, it was determined that the Impound Fee Schedule (Schedule "B") is out of date and does not reflect the current rates that are approved by ICBC for tow contractors. This amendment will bring Schedule "B" in line with the ICBC approved rates. Staff also determined that the definition for "boulevard" needed to be updated. This amendment provides a more comprehensive definition.

DISCUSSION:

It is important for the Town to have the ability to tow vehicles as an enforcement action when other compliance methods have been unsuccessful or where hazardous situations exist. The current bylaw allows the Town to tow vehicles but the impound schedule is out of date and needs to be amended.

There are other items (signs, play vehicles) included in Schedule B and no changes to fees are being proposed for those items.

ALTERNATIVES:

Council does not give three readings to the bylaw amendments and the current bylaw continues to apply.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

CITIZEN/PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

Clearly written bylaws are important for residents to understand what is allowed and what process staff will follow.

INTERDEPARTMENTAL INVOLVEMENT/IMPLICATIONS:

Currently the Town of Ladysmith does not have a contract with the tow company that has been providing the service. Entering into a contract provides clear direction and expectations for both parties. Staff are pursuing the contract option.

ALIGNMENT WITH SUSTAINABILITY VISIONING REPORT:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Complete Community Land Use | <input type="checkbox"/> Low Impact Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green Buildings | <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Use Landscapes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Innovative Infrastructure | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Food Systems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Healthy Community | <input type="checkbox"/> Local, Diverse Economy |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable | |

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Employment & Tax Diversity | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural & Built Infrastructure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Watershed Protection & Water Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Partnerships |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications & Engagement | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable |

SUMMARY:

Staff recommend giving three readings to Bylaw 1993.

Report prepared by:



Robin MacNair
Bylaw Compliance Officer

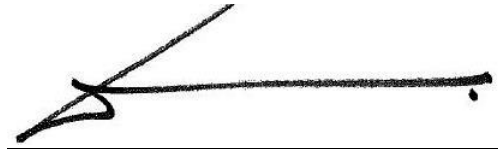
February 20, 2019

Director Approval:



Felicity Adams, Director of Development Services

I concur with the recommendation.



Guillermo Ferrero, City Manager

ATTACHMENT:

None