

The Bicycle Bylaw, 2020 and The Traffic Amendment Bylaw, 2020

ISSUE

This report submits Bylaw No. 9705, *The Bicycle Bylaw, 2020* and Bylaw No. 9706, *The Traffic Amendment Bylaw, 2020* for City Council's consideration. *The Bicycle Bylaw, 2020* implements City Council's decision to amend the rules that apply to the operation of bicycles. *The Traffic Amendment Bylaw, 2020* implements City Council's decision to require motor vehicles to maintain a minimum of one metre of distance from cyclists when passing.

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council consider Bylaw No. 9705, *The Bicycle Bylaw, 2020* and Bylaw No. 9706, *The Traffic Amendment Bylaw, 2020*.

BACKGROUND

At its [November 18, 2019 Regular Business Meeting](#), City Council considered a report of the General Manager, Transportation and Construction Department dated November 4, 2019 and resolved in part:

“That Bylaw No. 6884, The Bicycle Bylaw be amended as based on the policy framework provided in this report”, subject to the following amendments:

“That the bylaw be amended to allow for a one-metre buffer for cyclists when overtaking pedestrians”;

“That the Administration report back on maintaining section 13 in the Bylaw (want bicycles to remain in the bicycle lane when one is available)”;

“That the Administration report back on limiting cyclists riding on sidewalks in BID areas and the industrial area”.

At the same meeting, City Council further resolved in part:

“That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate amendment to Bylaw No. 6884, The Bicycle Bylaw”.

At its [February 24, 2020 Regular Business Meeting](#), City Council considered a report of the General Manager, Transportation and Construction Department dated February 10, 2020 and resolved in part:

- “1. That Bylaw No. 6884, The Bicycle Bylaw be amended to include:
 - a. That cyclists do not have to remain in the bicycle lane when one is available;
 - b. That children under the age of 14 be permitted to cycle on sidewalks; and
2. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate amendment to Bylaw No. 6884, The Bicycle Bylaw.”

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

Given the number of amendments, a new *Bicycle Bylaw, 2020*, rather than an amendment bylaw, was drafted. The language of the new *Bicycle Bylaw, 2020* has been modernized. *The Bicycle Bylaw, 2020* clarifies that the term “bicycle” includes power-assisted bicycles.

The routes listed in Schedule “A” of *The Bicycle Bylaw, 2020* have been extended beyond what was approved at the November 18, 2019 meeting by adding Highway 16 and extending the restriction on Circle Drive East to Boychuk Drive. Housekeeping amendments have also been made to *The Traffic Bylaw*.

In accordance with City Council’s instruction, we are pleased to submit Bylaw No. 9705, *The Bicycle Bylaw, 2020* and Bylaw No. 9706, *The Traffic Amendment Bylaw, 2020* for City Council’s consideration.

APPENDICES

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 9705, *The Bicycle Bylaw, 2020*;
2. Proposed Bylaw No. 9706, *The Traffic Amendment Bylaw, 2020*.

Report Approval

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