

Proposed Amendments to the Bylaw No. 7200, The Traffic Bylaw

ISSUE

This report is requesting approval to amend Bylaw No. 7200, Traffic Bylaw, 1991, to remove redundant references, address considerations for on-street parking on lay-by lanes and provide a more appropriate enforcement tool for select infractions of this bylaw.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation recommend to City Council:

1. That the proposed amendments to Bylaw No. 7200, The Traffic Bylaw, 1991, as outlined in this report, be approved; and
2. That the City Solicitor be requested to make the necessary amendments to Bylaw No. 7200, The Traffic Bylaw, 1991.

BACKGROUND

The City of Saskatoon's (City) [Bylaw No. 7200, Traffic Bylaw, 1991](#) (Traffic Bylaw) regulates the use of City right-of-way (ROW), including provisions related to parking and other types of encroachments. The purpose of this report is to seek approval to amend the Traffic Bylaw. The proposed amendments seek to improve clarity within the Traffic Bylaw, address considerations for on-street parking on lay-by lanes and provide an appropriate enforcement tool in cases of significant encroachments on City ROW.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

The following list includes proposed amendments to the Traffic Bylaw (see Appendix 1 for additional rationale):

1. Add provisions that prohibit stopping or parking in driving lanes and on streets where the speed limit is greater than 50 km/h unless signs otherwise permit.
 - These additions add clarity with respect to where drivers are able to stop or park and articulates within bylaw, what is already expected of drivers.
2. Amend unrestricted parking permit details in section 56.
 - This permit refers to the Accessible Parking Permit Program. The previous time period of this permit was May 1 to April 30, and the proposed time period is November 1 to October 31. This requires updates in 56(3), as well as Schedule No. 9 – Parking Fees.
 - For added clarity, the duration spent parked by a vehicle displaying an unrestricted permit should be included in this section. Users of the unrestricted permit may not park longer than the maximum time of 72 hours indicated in section 14 of the Traffic Bylaw.

- Remove paragraphs seven and eight, which reference that unrestricted permit users shall use an approved City Card to activate the permit. This activation step is no longer required of users.
 - Update paragraph five related to unrestricted permit re-issuance. The one-month holding period between the permit being lost and permit re-issuance is generally not undertaken in practice but may be undertaken depending on circumstance.
3. Add or amend provisions relating to ROW obstructions.
- A municipal scan supports amending the Traffic Bylaw to establish process needed for additional enforcement measures to address significant encroachments on ROW and to provide more direct wording on certain types of bylaw offences. Proposed amendments support the use of an Order to Remedy Contravention process for ROW encroachments such as fences, accessory buildings, landscaping features, etc. The municipal scan is included as Appendix 2.
4. Amend Schedule No. 2.
- This amendment would allow 'parking permitted' signage to be erected along certain medians in Saskatoon, following review by Administration.
 - This amendment is in response to lay-by lane parking concerns, which arose in Brighton neighbourhood.
5. Clarify that parking in front of all fire hydrants is prohibited.
- The Traffic Bylaw prohibits parking in front of fire hydrants unless otherwise permitted by signs. It is recommended the Bylaw be amended to clarify parking is prohibited in front of a fire hydrant, despite areas that may be signed for parking, such as those found in pay parking zones.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Costs related to sign installations for median parking would be covered with existing operating resources.

COMMUNICATION PLAN

Affected residents in Brighton will be advised of the timing associated with the parking changes.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

There are no privacy, legal, social or environmental implications identified.

NEXT STEPS

Should City Council approve the proposed amendments, the City Solicitor will prepare an amendment to the Traffic Bylaw

APPENDICES

1. Additional Rationale for Proposed Amendments to Bylaw No. 7200, the Traffic Bylaw
2. Municipal Scan – Right of Way Encroachments

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