Clarification Amendments to Bylaw No. 7200, The Traffic Bylaw

Recommendation

That the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation recommend to City Council: That the City Solicitor be requested to make the appropriate amendments to Bylaw No. 7200, The Traffic Bylaw, as outlined in this report.

Topic and Purpose

To alert the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation to provisions of Bylaw No. 7200, The Traffic Bylaw ("Bylaw 7200") that are outdated, evidence gaps, or have been difficult to enforce and to suggest amendments to improve enforceability.

Report Highlights

- 1. The instructions for displaying an unrestricted parking permit in Bylaw 7200 are outdated and cannot be complied with.
- 2. Enforcement of street maintenance parking bans has been difficult due to the Court's change in interpretation of certain terms in Bylaw 7200.
- 3. Bylaw 7200 to be amended to correct the above-noted issues.

Strategic Goals

This report supports the Strategic Goals of Continuous Improvement and Moving Around by clarifying parking rules to allow for efficient use of disabled person's parking places and to enhance the efficiency of street maintenance.

Background

The Office of the City Solicitor has noted that certain provisions of Bylaw 7200 are outdated or otherwise difficult to enforce because of changes in interpretation by new Justices of the Peace.

Report

The instructions within Bylaw 7200 describing how to display an unrestricted parking permit cannot be complied with as they require the City's portion of the permit (the "hologram sticker") to be hung from the rear-view mirror and the Saskatchewan Abilities Council placard (the "placard") to be placed on the dashboard of the vehicle. While Customer Service staff advise permit holders to affix the hologram sticker onto the placard and to hang the placard from the rear-view mirror of the vehicle, these instructions have not been incorporated into Bylaw 7200. The Administration recommends that these instructions be updated in accordance with the advice given by Customer Service staff.

In addition, Bylaw 7200 will be clarified to state that only persons with a "disabled person's vehicle – including vehicles with disabled plates, access buses, and accessible

taxis and vehicles with a SaskAbilities hang tag" - can use these spaces. Clarification of which vehicles are able to use the loading zone should ensure that only disabled persons or vehicles designed to carry disabled persons are permitted to use these areas.

Street maintenance parking bans have been difficult to enforce because some of the Justices of the Peace presiding over municipal court have interpreted Bylaw 7200 as requiring both free-standing sandwich board signs and paper signs to be posted, as well as requiring signs to be exactly as set out in Schedule No. 16. The Administration recommends that definitions for "sandwich board" and "sign" be added to Bylaw 7200 and that rules regarding posting of signs be clarified to assist with enforcement of street maintenance parking bans. Further, the Administration recommends that Schedule No. 16 be amended to set out the required components of signs designating a street maintenance parking ban and to provide an indication of the variations in signs used by the City to designate various types of street maintenance activities.

Other Considerations/Implications

There are no options, public and/or stakeholder involvement, communication, policy, financial, environmental, privacy, or CPTED implications or considerations.

Due Date for Follow-up and/or Project Completion

If approved by City Council, the changes to Bylaw 7200 will be effective April 1, 2018.

Public Notice

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

Report Approval

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