

Agenda – Assiniboia Community Committee – January 7, 2022

REPORTS

**Item No. 5 Charging Vehicle Owners the Full Cost of Towing When in
Contravention of a Residential Parking Ban**

Councillor Lukes, Waverly West Ward, has submitted the following motion to the Assiniboia Community Committee for consideration:

WHEREAS during a residential parking ban for snow plowing operations, the City provides “courtesy towing” for vehicles parked in contravention of the ban which are preventing efficient timely snow and ice removal from residential streets;

AND WHEREAS “courtesy towing” costs taxpayers \$89,675 (2018), \$467,513 (2019), \$316,655 (2020), \$930,350 (2021);

AND WHEREAS the Public Service is not limited by budget in providing the snow clearing and ice control service, which courtesy towing is currently a part of;

AND WHEREAS the City provides comprehensive information to residents identifying when vehicles must be removed from residential streets to enable snow clearing operations through the following methods:

- the Know Your Zone program;
- the bilingual Know Your Zone app for mobile devices;
- the Citizens' Information Service online address look up tool;
- the online snow-clearing portal on the City’s website;
- contacting 311 by phone or email; and
- extensive social media campaigns during a Residential Parking Ban;

AND WHEREAS Winnipeg’s population continues to grow and as the urban environment becomes denser and more compact, there is an increased need for streets to be cleared quickly and efficiently to enable access for transit and emergency services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works be requested to direct the Winnipeg Public Service report back to the Assiniboia Community Committee in 180 days on the following:

1. Necessary changes to the Snow Clearing and Ice Control Policy to begin charging all vehicle owners for the full expense incurred by the City to tow vehicles parked in contravention of a residential parking ban in order to facilitate snow and ice clearing operations.

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2. A process for tracking the cost per event of towing all vehicles parked in contravention of a residential parking ban, to be recovered by charging the full expense to vehicle owners, and diverting those funds previously incurred by the City towards improving snow and ice removal on the active transportation network.