



City of Moose Jaw

LETTER OF COMMUNICATION

TITLE: Bylaw No. 5588, Traffic Bylaw Amendment, 2019 (1)
TO: City Council
FROM: City Clerk/Solicitor's Department
DATE: 12 June 2019
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RECOMMENDATION

THAT City Council give 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading to Bylaw No. 5588, Traffic Bylaw Amendment, 2019 (1) (the "Bylaw").

Note: If City Council is inclined to support the Bylaw and clause-by-clause debate is not required, the following motion would be in order, while in Committee of the Whole (Bylaws):

"THAT clause-by-clause consideration of the Bylaw be and is hereby dispensed with and that the said Bylaw be approved in its entirety."

TOPIC AND PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to review the attached amendments to the Traffic Bylaw, being Bylaw No. 5556.

Members of the Transportation Services Advisory Committee and Executive Committee have reviewed and discussed the proposed Bylaw. The Bylaw has also received input from the community through a public consultation program that extended from May 28 – June 4, 2019.

The Bylaw is recommended for 1st, 2nd and 3rd readings.

BACKGROUND

On June 11, 2018 the City enacted the current Traffic Bylaw. Now that the Traffic Bylaw has been in place and used practically, it is suggested amendments be made to continue the practicality of it.

At the Executive Committee meeting held on May 13, 2019, the following motion was adopted:

"THAT City Administration bring forward to City Council amendments to the Traffic Bylaw substantially in the form as attached and labeled 'Attachment 1'; and

"THAT prior to bringing forward the amendments to the Traffic Bylaw, City Administration consult with Visit Moose Jaw regarding the matter of convention parking."

Following the meeting of Executive Committee, it was identified by City Administration that parking permits to an official of a convention, seminar or other organized event in the City, found at section 6 of the attached Bylaw, which is added as section 53.1 (5) of the Traffic Bylaw. This suggested revision is to ensure parking revenue is received by the City, rather than the Moose Jaw Police Service.

The City advertised the potential changes to the Traffic Bylaw and, within that messaging, requested public feedback (via email to the City Clerks Department). Advertising entailed using our website, social media channels, "Notorious Jawcast" City podcast, paid media ads and received some "earned media" from local media outlets publishing stories about the amendments and our request for public feedback.

During the feedback period (May 28-June 4), a total of 22 emails were received from residents. Of those 22, two applauded the amendments and expressed no concern.

From the other 20, a variety of concerns were expressed, with the majority (11) pertaining to free parking for the Mayor/Council and other groups as designated by the Mayor's office.

Other concerns expressed were:

- Bike helmet enforcement
- Boulevard parking
- Lack of disabled parking spaces
- Free parking for Veterans
- Free parking for disabled people in non-disabled parking spots

The recommendation is to proceed with the Bylaw reading.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Bylaw No. 5588, Traffic Bylaw Amendment, 2019 (1).
2. Comments received by public during public consultation.
3. Comments received by Visit Moose Jaw.

REPORT APPROVAL

Written by: Katelyn Soltys, Acting City Solicitor
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Approved by: Jim Puffalt, City Manager
Approved by: Fraser Tolmie, Mayor

To be completed by the Clerk's Department only.

Presented to Regular Council or Executive Committee on _____.

No. _____ Resolution No. _____