
From: LeeAnn Rice
Sent: May-29-19 1:20 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: feedback for parking

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To whom it may concern:

Added to your list of changes, you should be making sure that Moose Jaw Police Service gets free parking. If it isn't enough that they put their lives on the line everyday for us, we definitely **SHOULD NOT** be making them have extra expenses and make them pay for parking. What a slap in their faces that the City of Moose Jaw would even entertain that thought and make them pay for this service.

Thanks
Lynn

From: Gloria
Sent: May-29-19 1:27 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: re parking

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At one time ...out of province ...visitors did not have to pay for parking..

Is this still the case ???

Thank you.

Gloria Krahn

From: Veronica
Sent: May-29-19 1:38 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Public parking

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Your freebie list is too long. Most of these people can afford to pay for parking. The parking fines are way too low to deter paying. Enforcement of stop signs should start, vehicles don't even slow down causing bad driving habits. Speeding in school zones another problem area. Without enforcement, forget it.

Sent from my iPad

From: Gene Rizak
Sent: May-29-19 2:17 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: City Requests Feedback On Traffic Bylaw Amendments

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Thank you for the opportunity to give feedback.

Four items.

All volunteer organizations be provided with permits for their administrators/volunteers for the fiscal year.

Convention seminar organizers are provided with day/week permits for their participants at no cost. (Good way of keeping track of what's happening in the city..)

Helmet mandatory for all bike riders regardless of age.

Keep the volunteer payment for expired meters at ten dollars. In most cases I would imagine, the ticket issued is due to lack of change or a person is kept at a place of business such as a bank, medical/dental offices longer than expected.

Gene Rizak

From: Gavin Harrow
Sent: May-29-19 2:45 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Parking and early payment options

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Afternoon Folks

Just read the article on the discovermoosejaw.com page.

As my parking only involves trips to MJ as we live an hour and 15 min south I cannot comment as a property owner. Which we hope to rectify soon. In saying this we have to visit at least weekly.

Off the top I have no problem to pay for a meter but as the wife is handicapped we have problems getting spots close to where we have to go in downtown at times hence we usually choose less busy times and off hours if possible for appointments.

We carry a parking permit from the Abilities council and use it at the large shopping centers in MJ but at metered parking it is not possible to judge the time an appointment will take with a care giver IE DR. Dentist etc so I always drop the wife and get her settled and find a metered free parking spot.

As for the free parking for A thru G NO.

My reason is that it will be abused and all these people, departments, non profits have budgets for transport and have well paid staff.

My observation is there are more empty parking meters off the Main Street by a 100 meters that stand empty. People are scared to walk a half a block

As for the "G" in the questioner this should never happen sounds like the Mayor is trying to go back to the Al Capone days, you get a ticket then run to the Mayor to get it rescinded.

Finally if this goes ahead the city will have no income from parking as all as visitors will just leave and throw their tickets away without paying knowing half the city gets free parking anyway.

Are they trying to do away with parking income altogether?

Thank you for letting me vent

Yours

Gavin

From: Matt Gray
Sent: May-29-19 3:07 PM
To: City Clerk; Fraser Tolmie
Subject: Traffic Bylaw

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His Worship Mayor Fraser Tolmie and City Councilors

I have reviewed the proposed traffic bylaw amendments and believe they have been well considered with the exception of the provision making a bike helmet mandatory for those 16 years of age and under. This is not because I do not see the benefit of individuals of any age wearing a helmet.

While I agree that bike helmets prevent serious brain injuries and death, my disagreement is with our City's plan or lack of a plan to enforce such a bylaw. I pose my arguments as questions in order to provoke discussion among yourselves.

Who would the fine be levied against?

I assume the child would get the ticket as they are the one violating the bylaw. If this is the case, is it reasonable to ticket a child (4-16 years old) \$20-\$50? As a child has no ability to pay this sort of fine, does it stick with them indefinitely? Will it affect their ability to get a driver's licence? Will the child receive a court summons in the same manner as an unpaid parking ticket? Is this the kind of interaction we want to encourage between children and our enforcement personnel?

If it is a parent or guardian, which parent or guardian? If the child is riding home from school, is the teacher or principal responsible? Is it up to enforcement personnel to track down the appropriate guardian and serve the ticket to them? Would this be an appropriate use of enforcement resources?

Who enforces this provision?

I assume again enforcement of this provision would be the responsibility of the Moose Jaw Police Service. I believe it is likely our police service would only issue tickets for gross violations of the bylaw but that is not an absolute. The general responsibility of police is to enforce the laws, not to determine whether they should be applied. Is the training and professionalism of our police service being put to good use by ticketing 8 year old's riding home from school? Does this sort of enforcement encourage positive relationships and perceptions of police in our community and particularly by children?

If this provision of the bylaw is not planned to be enforced by anyone, then why pass it? Unlike property or parking bylaws, the enforcement of this provision would have to be applied at the exact moment the violation was being committed.

Does this provision unfairly target low income individuals?

I did a quick search on Amazon.ca to assess the cost of bike helmets and with no scientific support can say that they range from about \$35 to over \$200. While \$35 is not a lot for many parents, the bylaw provision will still apply to single parents with 4 children under 17. In this absolutely common situation, the total cost to be compliant will be \$140+GST/PST. As we know, children grow out of bike helmets and helmets must be replaced anytime they are involved in an incident. I have conservatively calculated the cost of compliance for a single child to be approximately

\$150 (4 helmets x \$35/helmet + inflation over 12 years). For parents of 4 children, this would work out to \$600. Again, for many parents this is not unreasonable but for a single parent of 4, this could end up being prohibitive to the child being able to ride his/her bike legally. Would it be better to simply offer a free helmet to children that are observed to not have one? If the \$50 fine is levied against the parent/guardian of the violator, is it appropriate to target individuals that simply don't have the resources to be compliant? My point is that it takes no extra resources to drive the speed limit or put on a seat-belt, but this bylaw provision is different in that it compels individuals to use after-tax dollars to make a purchase. Could the City of Moose Jaw offer a rebate program with proof of purchase?

I believe the questions of who gets fined, who issues the fine and what type of people are most affected must be answered before this bylaw provision makes sense. While getting children to wear bike helmets is a noble goal, I believe we can better accomplish this outside of bylaws and enforcement. Perhaps it would be more appropriate to fund interactions between police and schoolchildren where the importance of helmets is discussed. Or the City could provide a rebate program where the cost of a child's helmet up to \$40 was rebated to the purchaser with a receipt. These are just my thoughts on programs that would be better suited to accomplish the same goal.

Respectfully submitted

Matt Gray

From: John.Wilkinson
Sent: May-29-19 3:29 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Traffic Bylaw Amendments

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They all look good well done, have a great day.

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From: Cal Neff
Sent: May-29-19 3:41 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: traffic bylaws

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I for 1 am wholeheartedly in favor of giving us handicapped persons the 3 hour free parking. Cal Neff handicapped

From: Cal Neff
Sent: May-29-19 3:43 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: traffic bylaw

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I as a senior and being handicapped am totally in favor of the 3 hour free parking in this city of ours. Thank you Cal Neff

From: Ken oak
Sent: May-29-19 3:55 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: parking

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regarding the traffic bylaw amendments, if you are not allowing the residents on redland to pull a couple of wheels up onto the boulevard during the winter you better make sure the ruts are removed at all times or sgi will be overrun with claims.

From: Darryl
Sent: May-29-19 4:41 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Parking

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- Allow individuals with a valid disability placard to park at metered parking areas at no cost for a maximum of three (3) hours.
- Allow individuals with a valid Veteran license plate to park at metered areas at no cost for the time prescribed on the meter.
- Free parking permits for metered parking be issued to members of City Council and the following groups as permitted by the Mayor:
 - a. Parliament of Canada;
 - b. Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan;
 - c. Visiting dignitaries the Mayor deems appropriate;
 - d. Moose Jaw Police Service Victim Services volunteer workers;
 - e. Any non-profit volunteer Health Care and Continuous Care organizations;
 - f. Eligible City of Moose Jaw employees; and
 - g. Day-long passes to anyone at the Mayor's discretion.

As far as disability placard parking, they already have the best parking spots reserved for them. That should be enough. They should still have to pay. Too many people abuse those placards and in fact, I actually saw a former city manager using his wife's . Too many people are in possession of those placards as well. With half the baby boomers becoming senior citizens in the past 10 years and in the next ten years the other half will be, I wonder what percentage will be eligible for a handicap placard? It seems already that they are far too easy to obtain and equally as easy to abuse.

As for the veterans, why do they need free parking? Good for you, you were in the military! My father spent 5 years overseas during WWII. You, like he, probably made enough money that you can plug a meter like the rest of us, the farmers, the bricklayers, the doctors and nurses, the bus drivers the plumbers and the welfare recipients. There are so many veteran plates anymore, and so many handicap placards that there's nobody left to plug the meters. Now everybody will borrow grandpa's car to go downtown for the day.

As for the rest, if they're at work or involved in a city meeting then sure, give them a day pass.

Thank you.

From:
Sent: May-29-19 4:42 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Free parking

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I am a senior citizen on a fixed income. I do appreciate the free parking downtown. There are not that many handicap spaces downtown. It encourages people to shop and eat downtown. Would dearly love to see it carry on to allow us free parking.

Thank you

Marilyn

Sent from my iPhone

From: Bill Crowder
Sent: May-29-19 6:35 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Parking fees

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Considering the cost of providing parking, estimated at 17,000 dollars per space over the lifetime of the surface, free parking seems illogical. Veterans? They are pensioned - they don't need a break. Aside from the mayors' discretion, everyone should pay. Every day.

From: t
Sent: May-29-19 6:45 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Parking

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It Is not fare that we people with wheelchairs have to keep going out of our Doctors office to feed parking meters or going blocks with our chairs to get to a meter. It is hard enough for us to get around and in and out of buildings with out of having to worry about watching a meter.

Bill Therens tax paying resident of Moose Jaw.

From: Brent
Sent: May-29-19 9:36 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Proposed traffic bylaw

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Please define "eligible city employees" for the purpose of being able to park without pay

Thanks
Brent

Sent from my iPhone

From: William C
Sent: May-29-19 11:13 PM
To: City Clerk

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the only people that should receive free parking at any time are people from out of province veterans and
handicap people council and any other people should be able to pay for there own parking
Sent from Windows Mail

From: toaster therens
Sent: May-30-19 6:49 AM
To: City Clerk

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Fines for little kid not wearing helmets seem pretty steep for the level of infraction we are discussing. Secondly free parking for the mayor and city counsel or anyone the mayor deems worthy doesn't make sense. If our elected leaders not want to help support city coffers by paying meters then why should any other citizen.

From: Joanne Knaus
Sent: May-30-19 8:16 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: parking

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The mayor should not be allowed to just give out parking pass to ever he see fit. It could create a problem (if not with this mayor but successor) of friends and business partners accessing downtown parking for free. As far as politicians (including council), city employees and visiting dignitaries, they make more money than the average citizen. The above group of people are not in the downtown to shop and support the local businesses. On the subject of parking- the system behind the credit union was not thought out very well. They certainly didn't consider our population of seniors. In the winter you are asking this demographic to make three extra trips to their car (how often is parking machine not working adding to the trips). Many have ability issues and to be honest it is a law suit waiting to happen as it is rarely free from ice and snow banks. As far as double dipping on the tickets you should have never agreed to the speed cameras where the company that installs and maintains them reaps the benefits.

Joanne Stephan

From: just4norma
Sent: May-30-19 8:45 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Parking Bylaws

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It's all good!
Norma Richsrdson

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

From: kali.harder
Sent: June-02-19 10:53 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Bylaw Amendments

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I have comments to submit regarding two of the traffic bylaw amendments.

First, regarding the amendment:

Free parking permits for metered parking be issued to members of City Council and the following groups as permitted by the Mayor:

- a. Parliament of Canada;
- b. Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan;
- c. Visiting dignitaries the Mayor deems appropriate;
- d. Moose Jaw Police Service Victim Services volunteer workers;
- e. Any non-profit volunteer Health Care and Continuous Care organizations;
- f. Eligible City of Moose Jaw employees; and g. Day-long passes to anyone at the Mayor's discretion.

- The use of free parking passes should be restricted to when traveling on behalf of the business/organization only.

Second, regarding the amendment:

A restriction on parking on any centre median, boulevard, sidewalk, public park or public recreation area, except where parking is allowed by sign or markings

- I live on a street with very wide boulevards. When my car is parked on the boulevard it does not hang into the street, nor does it obstruct the sidewalk in any way. There are not many driveways, which makes street parking spaces limited. Making use of the extra space on the boulevard is necessary. Residential properties should be exempt from this bylaw (unless, of course, the vehicle is causing an obstruction).

Thank you for your time.

Kali Harder
Moose Jaw, SK

Sent from my Samsung device

From: Carolyn Daly
Sent: June-03-19 9:05 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Regarding parking bi-law amendments

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The exemption on certain persons (at the mayors discretion), groups or occupations (MP, MLA, etc) to not have to pay meter costs is ridiculous. Most of the aforementioned individuals make more money in their positions than the majority of the residents in Moose Jaw and if they park downtown for business they can get reimbursed, yet there are no freebies for your social assistance clients, your minimum wage earners, people with no jobs, fixed income earners, etc. Everybody should be equal or just take out the meters.

There are certain identified areas for wheelchair placards and the focus should be on abilities not their disabilities. What is the relevance/relation for wheelchair & veterans getting free meter parking. They can only park in the spaces available like everyone else & in most situations it's not even close to their destination. It may save them pocket change but what about everyone else?

We have all seen people with wheelchair placards who are active in sports & activities, etc, and even though they are not affected at that time or their condition is in remission, they still use the placard for free parking at the meter and put it away all other times. the placard is supposed to be used to park in designated stalls to be closer to the doors. Free parking at the meters doesn't gain them anything but pocket change.

Either everyone pays the meters or take them out since the proceeds don't seem to be doing anything beneficial for Moose Jaw since the streets are still full of pot holes & the meter people seem to have nothing else to do but wait for the meter to expire. Yes they stand & watch it run out, and we watch them do it.

The other issue is the "no parking on boulevard" issue. If the city widened one street a year in the avenues there wouldn't have been this issue of people only able to park on one side of the streets or people parking on the boulevard. For those supposed leaders/city councillors who reside in areas like sunningdale & iron bridge & other newer areas with wide streets, those who live in the downtown areas have every right to park in front of/near their house as they pay taxes like everyone else in Moose Jaw. The mayor & MJ councillors need to listen to what the people they represent want instead of trying to personally benefit from their positions such as trying to get free parking at the meters or trying to figure out ways to benefit themselves in other ways.

I'm sure this email will be deleted as nobody wants to hear anything contrary to what the the city councillors & mayor themselves want (as proven by the useless meetings held regarding the one side parking in the SIAST area that the people living in that area certainly didn't want, but happened anyway) but it feels good to bring some realities to the forefront to whoever does read this.

Sincerely

Carolyn