



Report Number: C2018-0312

Meeting: Combined Meeting of Council

Meeting Date: 2018 March 19

NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: IMPROVING COMPLIANCE DURING SNOW ROUTE PARKING BANS

Sponsoring Councillor(s): COUNCILLOR COLLEY-URQUHART

WHEREAS Snow and Ice Control is a critical service for the safety of Calgarians;

AND WHEREAS during a Snow Route Parking Ban parking is temporarily restricted on designated snow routes such as major roadways, collector roads and most bus routes for up to 72 hours;

AND WHEREAS public compliance during Snow Route Parking Bans significantly improves operational efficiency and safety for Calgarians;

AND WHEREAS there have been eleven snow events in 2018 with total accumulations of over 70 cm since January and three Snow Route Parking Bans called by the City of Calgary with over 6,200 parking violations issued during those events;

AND WHEREAS the current fines and towing practices during Snow Route Parking Bans are not significant enough to encourage high levels of public compliance;

AND WHEREAS the City of Calgary receives thousands of 311 service request calls from across the city related to Snow and Ice Control (SNIC) issues every winter;

AND WHEREAS the City of Calgary completed educational campaigns to inform the public amount Snow Route Parking Bans and completed towing of vehicles to nearby locations;

AND WHEREAS some vehicles are not moved during the parking ban and in some cases not all winter.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that City Council directs City Administration to review improvements to increasing compliance for snow route parking bans including, but not limited to:

1. A review of current fine schedules and enforcement practices in applicable parking Bylaws;
2. Review other municipal practices regarding snow route parking restrictions;
3. Identifying low compliance areas and available technology to recommend improvements including communications;
4. Review coordination between Roads, Calgary Parking Authority and other relevant City departments to deliver Snow and Ice Control enforcement services during parking bans;
5. Recommend other communications channels to notify the public about future/current Snow Route Parking Bans; and
6. Recommend other parking options for residents during parking ban operations.