



Report Number: EC2022-1373
Meeting: Executive Committee
Meeting Date: 2022 December 14

NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: Unattached Catalytic Converters

Sponsoring Councillor (s): Councillor Peter Demong, Councillor Walcott, Councillor Chabot, Councillor Spencer, Councillor Mian, Councillor Pootmans and Councillor Dhaliwal

WHEREAS catalytic converter theft is a major issue in Calgary, as it is in many other Canadian cities;

AND WHEREAS the Calgary Police Service does not have the ability to charge people in possession of a disconnected catalytic converter;

AND WHEREAS the Province has enacted the Scrap Metal Dealers and Recyclers Identification Act¹ and the Scrap Metal Dealers and Recyclers Regulation;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the Regulation as of 2020 September 1, all scrap metal dealers and recyclers in Alberta must require anyone selling scrap metal to provide valid photo identification, and as of 2020 November 1, all scrap metal dealers and recyclers must enter the seller's information, and scrap metal description into a provincial database which is accessible by law enforcement;²

AND WHEREAS the aforementioned seller information must include photo, name, signature, date of birth, unique identification number, and be put forth on an original document;³

AND WHEREAS the scrap metal recycler must also record the seller's other identifying information, including address, first name and surname, the unique government-issued identification number provided by the seller, the name of the person's business (if applicable), and the identifying information from the transaction, including the date and time the scrap metal was acquired, a brief description of the metal, the weight, and the specific make, model, color, and license plate number of the vehicle in which it was delivered;

AND WHEREAS a peace officer or a law enforcement agency may require a scrap metal dealer or recycler to hold metal that a scrap metal dealer or recycler, peace officer, or law enforcement agency suspects is stolen property for a period of 30 days;

AND WHEREAS the cost of vehicle catalytic converter replacement ranges from \$1300-\$3400 CAD;⁴

¹ Scrap Metal Dealers & Recyclers Regulation, July 23, 2020

² Ibid

³ Ibid

⁴ <https://carbrain.com/Blog/catalytic-converter-replacement-cost>

⁵ <https://www.leducprep.com/news/local-news/city-requiring-proof-of-ownership-for-unattached-catalytic-converters>

AND WHEREAS the City of Leduc has recently passed bylaw amendments that would fine any persons in possession of unattached catalytic converters within their jurisdiction, except for those with a valid business license for automotive repair or auto parts supply, or those who have a permit from the City of Leduc;⁵

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL that Council direct Administration to return no later than Q2 2023 to:

1. Bring forward amendments to the Business License Bylaw and other regulations as appropriate, to regulate any person or business in possession of a catalytic converter, including establishing a fine amount that is an effective deterrent and is proportionate to the severity of the problem of a stolen catalytic converter.
2. Bring forward any other strategies or programs to reduce the theft of catalytic converters.

Attachment (s):

1. Notice of Motion Checklist
2. Scrap Metal Dealers & Recyclers Regulation, July 23, 2020.