

Background and Previous Council Direction

Background

The recommendations in the cover report incorporate the direction from Council on 2024 November 26 to address predatory tow truck behaviour through proposed amendments to the Calgary Traffic Bylaw and the Street Bylaw. These amendments will provide the Calgary Police Service and Community Peace Officers with a tool to enforce predatory behaviour and provide some assurance to Calgarians who are at risk of being victimized by such behaviour.

Previous Council Direction

| DATE | REPORT NUMBER | DESCRIPTION |
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| 2024/11/26 | EC2024-1248 | <p>Notice of Motion – Tow Truck Tricks</p> <p>Council directed Administration to bring a report to the Community Development Committee no later than Q1 2025 to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address predatory behaviors by towing companies at vehicle collisions – potentially including amendments to the Business License Bylaw 32M98 and other regulations as appropriate, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A prohibition on towing companies or their agents stopping within a recommended radius of a collision unless called upon by Calgary Police Service (CPS), Calgary Fire Department or a party to the collision. ○ Establish a fine structure that will act as an effective deterrent to chaser or poacher behaviors by towing companies, including escalating fine amounts for repeat offenders. |