



Hamilton

REPORT 13-002
Tow Truck Licensing Sub-Committee
Thursday, October 17, 2012
2:30 p.m.
Room 264
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

Present: Councillors B. Clark (Chair), M. Pearson (Vice Chair),
T. Jackson

**THE TOW TRUCK LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 13-002 TO
THE PLANNING COMMITTEE AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

1. Tow Truck Licensing Information (PED13095(a)) (City Wide) (Item 6.1)

That the City's By-law to License and Regulate Various Businesses be amended such that the following documents would be accepted by the City as provided by tow operators to the Hamilton Police Service:

- a valid Ontario Ministry of Transportation Safety Certificate;
- a valid Ontario Ministry of Transportation Annual Vehicle Inspection Certificate or a Safety Standards Certificate under the Highway Traffic Act; and
- a Criminal Reference Check.

Where an operator is not under a Hamilton Police Services Tow Contract however, the above exemptions shall not apply and all required documentation must be submitted to the City (no older than 36 days).

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Agenda for the October 17, 2013 meeting of the Tow Truck Licensing Sub-Committee was approved.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)

(i) June 13, 2013

The minutes from the June 13, 2013 meeting of the Tow Truck Licensing Sub-Committee, were approved.

(d) DISCUSSION (Item 6)

(i) Tow Truck Licensing Information (PED13095(a)) (City Wide) (Item 6.1)

Marty Hazell, Senior Director, Parking and By-law Services, provided an overview of the report with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation has been included in the public record.

Questions and comments included:

- Why is there difficulty tracking offenses under the Anti-Solicitation By-law;
- If Bill 93 is going to be a factor in the City's decision;
- What fees other municipalities charge for initial fees and annual fees;
- What the fines are for charges laid under the by-law;
- How the administration fee structure will impact the licenses and fees;
- Tow truck insurance requirements being added to the by-law;
- By-law enforcement towing costs;

The internal auditor was directed to audit the last 3 years of by-law enforcement towing fees collected.

Staff was directed to investigate the number of potential tow trucks that will seek licenses (Ministry of Transportation - Ontario) and adjust the fees accordingly.

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Staff was directed to contact the Minister of Transportation and request an update on Bill 93.

(e) ADJOURNMENT (Item 8)

There being no further business, the Tow Truck Licensing Sub-Committee adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor B. Clark
Chair, Tow Truck Licensing
Sub-Committee

Vanessa Robicheau
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