



Subject: *Municipal Parking Enforcement Program*
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Related Motions: None
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Summary

The Municipality has experienced significant population growth in the Corridor area over the past several years. As much of this growth has resulted in a denser urban fabric, a municipal parking enforcement program has now become necessary.

The purpose of this report is to update Council regarding the Parking Enforcement Program being implemented by Staff this winter.

Financial Impact Statement

An active parking enforcement program will result in additional revenue to the municipality. While not quantified at this time, a parking enforcement program can provide fine revenue that can offset operational costs. Over time, municipalities often experience:

- Partial or full cost recovery
- Predictable annual revenues

Recommendation

There is no recommendation with the adoption of this report.

Recommended Motion

There is no recommendation with this report.

Background

As municipalities grow, parking demand and associated issues become increasingly complex. Without consistent enforcement, issues such as illegal parking (i.e. parking where no parking signs are posted, parking in front of a fire hydrant), excessive on-street vehicle storage, and obstruction of traffic flow often increase.

Many municipalities have established dedicated parking enforcement services to address these concerns, enhance public safety, and support effective transportation management.

Over the past several years, the Municipality has received numerous complaints about on-street parking in the corridor area (Enfield, Elmsdale, Lantz). These complaints prompted Staff to develop a more robust parking enforcement program in East Hants.

Discussion

A dedicated parking enforcement program plays a critical role in promoting safe roadway conditions. Regular patrols and enforcement discourage issues such as:

- Parking in front of/blocking fire hydrants
- Blocking intersections, driveways, sidewalks, and crosswalks
- Obstructing emergency access routes
- Impeding snow removal

A parking enforcement program will help to reduce hazards for drivers, pedestrians, cyclists, and emergency responders.

A consistent presence helps reinforce community expectations regarding parking concerns. Enforcement reduces:

- Illegal parking
- Long-term vehicle storage on streets
- Abandoned or derelict vehicles
- Chronic nuisance parking patterns in residential neighbourhoods

This contributes to more orderly streets and enhanced neighbourhood livability.

The Motor Vehicle Act (MVA) regulates parking violations. As a Special Constable, Staff may be appointed to enforce the Motor Vehicle Act for the enforcement of parking violations as outlined in Schedule PT (Parking Infraction Ticket Offences) of the Summary Offence Ticket Regulations as they relate to the specific function.

Bylaw IO-100 Winter Road & Sidewalk Snow Clearing & Maintenance (Snow Clearing Bylaw) regulates the clearing of snow and the parking of vehicles that would obstruct snow removal. Currently, there is not a separate SOT Schedule for this bylaw. If staff use the MVA for parking violations, staff or the RCMP would be able to issue a parking ticket for a vehicle hindering snow removal.

The RCMP will also have the ability to issue parking tickets on behalf of the Municipality.

A copy of the draft ticket booklet is attached. This has been reviewed by legal, as well as the Department of Justice.

Depending on the infraction, fines will range from \$25 to \$100, if paid within 60 days. After 60 days, the fines increase to a range of \$61.60 to \$136.60. If a ticket is unpaid, it is collected by Access Nova Scotia - Registry of Motor Vehicles.

Staff are planning to soft launch the program in January 2026 with warning tickets to start. Shortly thereafter, we will proceed with the issuance of parking tickets.

Upon entering into an agreement with the province, parking tickets can be paid online through a provincial portal. As well, tickets can be paid in person at the municipal office. To this end, staff have initiated the process to enter into such an agreement.

Alternatives

There are no alternatives associated with this report.

Attachments

Parking Ticket booklet template