

September 23, 2020

Report To: Mayor and Council

From: Travis Rob, Manager of Operations and Facilities

RE: Update to the Town of Fort Frances Winter Control Policy

In February 2020, Administration brought forward a request to implement a parking ban for winter control operations tied into the declaration of a significant weather event, that report is included for Council's benefit. The idea was that when a significant snow fall event was underway, town crews could focus on clearing the roadways, which we are legally required to complete on certain timelines, without having to stop and slow down to go around parked cars and we would not have to return later to remove the snow left on the roadway after the car had been moved. This change would only apply between 7:30pm and 7:30am when a significant weather event had been declared under the Minimum Maintenance Standards regulation and it would not apply to the downtown core.

Attached you will find the Town's Winter Control Policy marked up with the proposed changes to reflect this parking ban. Subsequently the Town will have to make an amendment to their Traffic Control By-Law to reflect this change and the O&F Division is working with By-Law enforcement to ready those amendments. It is anticipated that all of the amendments would be approved and in place early in the winter season defined as October 1 to April 30.

In addition to the changes reflecting the new winter parking regulation you will note changes for the additional sidewalks installed on Colonization Road West and McIrvine Road through the 2020 construction program and other minor wording cleanup.

It is the recommendation of the Operations and Facilities Executive Committee that:

1. The Town's amended Winter Control Policy be approved as presented
2. The Traffic Control By-Law be amended to reflect the change in Winter Parking requirements
3. That the effectiveness of the new parking changes be reviewed prior to the 2021 winter control season.

Respectfully Submitted



Travis Rob, P.Eng
Manager of Operations and Facilities

Council approval of this report will agree with the recommendation of the Operations and Facilities Executive Committee that:

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