
CITY OF KELOWNA

MEMORANDUM

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To: City Manager (RB)

From: Transportation Manager (RW)

Subject: Draft Traffic Bylaw No. 8120

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RECOMMENDATION

THAT Traffic Bylaw No. 8120 be advanced for reading consideration.

BACKGROUND

The Traffic ByLaw is the legal document which houses all local bylaws which regulate traffic and the use of highways within the City of Kelowna. The current document (Traffic ByLaw No. 4495-78) has been in place since 1978 and is in need of substantial updating (it has been amended 23 times) to reflect more current definitions and regulations.

OVERVIEW

For information, the document is divided into the sections as follows, with a brief description of the contents of each section:

PART 1 – Introduction
Outlines ByLaw applicability, interpretation and definitions

PART 2 – General Regulations
General public roadway regulations...intersection sight lines, vehicle noise, removal of vehicle left on roadways, and snow and rubbish removal on roadways, etc...

PART 3 – Vehicle Regulations
Regulations relating to the vehicles on public roadways...tires, size and weight restrictions, etc...

PART 4 – Parking Regulations
General parking regulations...handicapped parking, on and off-street regulations, etc...

PART 5 – Highway Use Regulations
Regulations relating to activities on highways...road use permits, etc...

PART 6 – Traffic Control Devices

Regulation of traffic control devices...traffic signals, traffic signs, pavement markings, etc...

PART 7 – Sidewalk/Roadway Occupancy Permits

Regulation of sidewalk vendors, etc...

PART 8 – Pedestrian Regulations

Regulations pertaining to pedestrians on sidewalks and roadways

PART 9 – Bicycle Regulations

Regulations pertaining to cyclists on roadways

MAJOR CHANGES / HIGHLIGHTS

For ease of reference and comparison, the following list offers insight into the major changes and/or additions to the revised document. The reason for each change is included and is identified as a clerical (C), Motor Vehicle Act related (MVA), public safety oriented (PS), or simply due to lack of coverage in the existing document (NEW).

- Revised intersection sight line requirements (PS)
- Updated commercial vehicle regulations (MVA)
- No Parking within 3 metres of a driveway (PS)
- No Parking within 10 metres of an intersection (PS)
- No Parking within 5 metres of a fire hydrant (MVA)
- No Parking adjacent to a yellow curb (NEW)
- No Parking on a highway for overnight abode (NEW)
- No Parking in an area reserved for a tour bus (NEW)
- No Parking in an area reserved for bus stops (NEW)
- No Parking in an area designated for the travel of cycles and/or pedestrians (NEW).
- No Tampering with a parking meter (NEW)
- Road usage permits (C)
- Part 8 -Pedestrian regulations. (NEW)
- Part 9 -Cycle regulations. (NEW)

Key changes to the bylaw will be explained in greater detail at the Council presentation.

CONSULTATION

In 2000, copies of this draft Traffic ByLaw were made available for public review at all public library locations as well as on the City website. Upon receipt of fourth reading, a media release strategy will be developed to ensure that the community is aware of any new regulations which are to be enforced as well as numerous existing regulations.

CONCLUSION

The draft Traffic ByLaw No. 8120 represents a major 'housekeeping' initiative which has been undertaken by several departments (Transportation, Clerks, Licensing & ByLaw Enforcement)

over the last three years. The draft revised document combines all the amendments found in ByLaw 4495-78 into a single document along with other updates (changes to the Motor Vehicle Act), facilitating ease of reference for enforcement, clerical and engineering staff.

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