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## City of Kelowna

# MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** November 10, 2004  
**FILE:** 5480-02  
**TO:** City Manager  
**FROM:** Transportation Manager  
**RE:** **On-Street trailer parking and By-law amendment.**

Report prepared by Stuart Winker, Parking Coordinator

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council amend the Traffic Bylaw No. 8120 subsection 5.1.12 from “Unless otherwise posted with a traffic control device indicating a truck route no person shall **operate** a truck or commercial vehicle with a gross vehicle weight in excess of 13,700 kg. on a roadway except:” to read “No person shall **operate or park** a truck or commercial vehicle with a gross vehicle weight in excess of 13,700 kg. **or park a detached commercial trailer** on a roadway except; “

AND THAT Council amend Consolidated Bylaw No. 6550-89 subsection 5.1.12 from “**Operate truck off truck route**” to read “**Operate or park a truck or detached commercial trailer off truck route**”.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Transportation and Bylaw Enforcement have been inundated with complaints regarding Hwy trucks / trailers being parked and or stored for extended periods on roads in various areas throughout the City of Kelowna. Bylaw Enforcement has received 630 heavy truck related complaints since January 1, 2002. To date 282 complaints were received in 2004; these complaints vary from **parking** to **noise** to **trucks off truck routes**. These situations create numerous traffic, public safety, roadways damage, environmental and enforcement issues and it is next to impossible to deal with them under our current bylaws. There also appears to be a growing intolerance from the public in relation to heavy truck / trailer operations and the impact it is having on their day to day lives. City staff has looked in to land usage to create a City operated parking/storage area for these trucks and trailers, but in the areas of question City land is not available or is allocated for usages. There is how ever a new truck/trailer storage facility that is fully operational located at 2805 Acland Rd which would facilitate some of these trucks/trailers but it is a pay facility so it sits empty.

### **List of issues**

Traffic and public safety issues:

- Severely reduced road width for travel lanes.
- Sightline obstruction from businesses entrances/exits and job sites.
- Unsafe passing between parked trucks/trailers.
- Inability to perform roadway maintenance, street cleaning and snow removal.

- Heavy trucks and trailers being parked in residential areas.
- Noise from heavy truck start up off truck routes.

Roadway damage and environmental issues:

- Asphalt life dramatically reduce, roads not designated or designed as or for truck routes.
- Premature milling and filling of roadway surface required due to damage.
- Trailer legs pushing in to pavement and creating indentations.
- Concrete curbing being broken and chipped from trailers being parked on them.
- Diesel fuel leaking from trailer refrigeration fuel tanks and entering drainage system and braking down the asphalt.

Please refer to attached pictures and service records.

On an average day in the City of Kelowna you will find approximately 50 semi trailers parked/stored illegally on the roadway. (i.e. Acland Rd, Jim Bailey Rd, Adams Rd, Recreation Ave, Rutland Rd N/S and Clement Ave). In fact, these roads are being used as “**storage yards**”. We have explored the options of signing these problem areas as “**No Parking**” or “**Time Restricted No Parking**” but it is believed that violators would simply move to an unsigned area and force us to install signage in that location; this option would be a very expensive and likely ineffective solution.

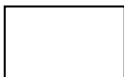
Transportation and Bylaw Enforcement has contacted the British Columbia Trucking Association and some of the registered owners/drivers of the offending vehicles/trailers in an effort to gain some compliance with current bylaws. This effort has met with limited success, as most are contracted drivers who will “**dump**” trailers wherever they can get away with it. Subsequently the Kelowna Parking Committee, the British Columbia Trucking Association and some larger local operators are in support of these changes.

A slight rewording of section 5.1.12 of the Traffic Bylaw will allow Bylaw staff to ticket and or remove any violators without:

- Having to prove in court who was driving/operating the truck/trailer found parked off a truck route or waiting until 21:00hrs. to issue a ticket to a parked overweight truck off a truck route.
- Having to wait 24 hours to ticket and tow offending trailers for overtime parking violations. The associated \$20.00 fine is not a deterrent to drivers / operators.

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Ron Westlake  
Transportation Manager



Approved for inclusion:  
John Vos  
Director of Works & Utilities

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The following is a list of the attachments that are **not** available with the electronic version of this report. The attachments can be viewed in the City Clerk's Department (3<sup>rd</sup> level, City Hall):

- Letter from BC Trucking Association dated October 28, 2004
- Copy of Consolidated Traffic Bylaw No. 8120 section 5.1.12 & Schedule 13
- Copy of City of Kelowna Truck Route Map
- Email between Parking Coordinator & City Bylaws Dept.
- Acland Road Truck Trailer Study
- Letter from Star Systems Inc. (undated) with pictures