



Report to: Committee of Whole

Date of Meeting: September 26, 2006

SUBJECT: Amendment to Anti-Idling By-law
PREPARED BY: W. Wiles, Manager, By-law Enforcement & Licensing x4851

RECOMMENDATION:

That By-law 2005-192, "Anti-Idling By-law", be amended to remove the exemption for extreme hot and cold temperatures

PURPOSE:

To remove the exemptions in the Anti-Idling By-law for extreme hot and cold temperatures to provide for easier enforcement.

BACKGROUND:

The current by-law prohibits the continuous idling of vehicles for more than three minutes subject to specific exemptions from listed activities and for extreme hot and cold temperatures. The ability of the drivers to determine specific temperatures presents difficulties for enforcement.

The inclusion of extreme hot and cold temperature exemptions in the by-law presents problems for enforcement staff in the field. Situations of extreme heat and cold can be better managed through departmental procedures.

OPTIONS/ DISCUSSION:

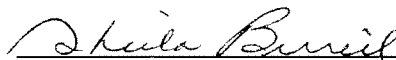
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FINANCIAL TEMPLATE:

None

RECOMMENDED

BY:


Sheila Birrell
Town Clerk


Andy Taylor, Commissioner
Corporate Services

ATTACHMENTS:

Departmental Procedure



By-law Enforcement & Licencing Division

PROCEDURES FOR ANTI-IDLING BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT

Notwithstanding the ambient outdoor temperature at the discretion of the Provincial Offences Officer, the following shall apply:

1. Operators shall only be cautioned and provided information on environmental issues created by idling and on the by-law restrictions when temperatures fall below 0 degrees or exceed 30 degrees.
2. Officers to record the licence plate of the cautioned party to allow for the identification of repeat offenders.
3. Officers are to check and ensure that there are no direct health risks for the operator or passengers/ animals in the vehicle.
4. Vehicle operators are not permitted to idle unattended vehicles with pets inside.
5. A five minute grace period is to be provided to warm vehicles on private driveways.
6. When temperatures are above 30 degrees, occupied vehicles with windows down should not be idling, unless the windows are down for an initial cool down period (normally a minute).