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MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 10  
COUNCIL MEETING 80  
89/12/11

RE: PARKING VIOLATION FINES

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendation of the Director Administrative & Community Services be adopted.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1989 December 06  
FROM: DIRECTOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES  
SUBJECT: PARKING VIOLATION FINES  
PURPOSE: To obtain Council's approval to update parking fines.

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RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT Burnaby Street and Traffic Bylaw No. 4299 be amended to provide for the following parking fines:

Overtime Parking - \$15.00 reduced to \$8.00 if paid  
within 5 days

Illegal Parking - \$25.00 reduced to \$15.00 if paid  
within 5 days

SUMMARY

This report proposes to increase the parking fines provided for in the Burnaby Street and Traffic Bylaw. Burnaby's parking fines were last updated in 1975. A comparison of fines with other G.V.R.D. municipalities showed that Burnaby's fines are presently lower than the average.

The proposed parking fines would:

- Bring Burnaby's parking fines in line with other municipalities.
- Continue to provide incentive for early payment of parking fines.
- Assist in deterring illegal parking while remaining low enough to encourage voluntary payment.

REPORT

There are two parts to this report. Part I provides background information on Burnaby's existing parking fines. Part II proposes to bring Burnaby's parking fines in line with the average of other G.V.R.D. municipalities.

PART 1: BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON MUNICIPAL PARKING FINES

The Motor Vehicle Act empowers Council to:

- control traffic
- regulate the stopping, standing and parking of vehicles
- issue traffic tickets for violations of a municipal traffic bylaw

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The municipality applies this authority through the Burnaby Street and Traffic Bylaw. Included in the bylaw are regulations for use of streets, traffic control, pedestrian crossing, parking, and commercial vehicles.

The bylaw is enforced, in part, through the issuance of traffic tickets. Traffic tickets are used to deter motorists from parking over the signed time limit, and from parking illegally on municipal streets. Traffic tickets are issued by Municipal Bylaw Enforcement Officers and, when necessary, by Burnaby R.C.M.P.

Burnaby's existing parking fines were established in 1975, and provide for the following fines:

Overtime Parking (parking over the signed time limit)

. \$10.00 reduced to \$5.00 for early payment

Illegal Parking (standing, stopping, parking against regulations)

. \$20.00 reduced to \$10.00 for early payment

PART II: PROPOSED PARKING FINES

A survey of 1989 parking fines in G.V.R.D. municipalities was conducted. Schedule A attached compares Burnaby's existing fines with those of surrounding municipalities. In comparison with other municipalities, Burnaby's fines are presently lower than the average.

This report proposes to bring Burnaby's fines in line with the average of other G.V.R.D. municipalities. Increasing Burnaby's parking fines will ensure that fines are high enough to act as an effective deterrent to illegal parking. At the same time, fines will remain low enough to encourage voluntary payment.

It is proposed that the Burnaby Street and Traffic Bylaw be amended to provide for the following parking fines:

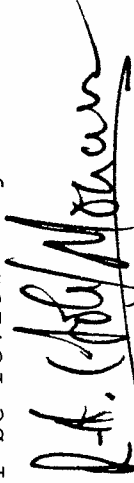
Overtime Parking - \$15.00 reduced to \$8.00 for early payment

Illegal Parking - \$25.00 reduced to \$15.00 for early payment

The proposed parking fines would continue to provide an incentive for the early payment of fines. At the time the bylaw is amended, Section 18A(1)(a) will be changed to reflect the wording in Section 18A(1)(b) allowing for the reduced fine if paid within five days.

The proposed fines would increase traffic fine revenue by an estimated \$100,000 in 1990. This revenue is included in the 1990 Provisional Operating Budget.

Once approved by Council, the proposed fines would be effective 1990 January. Parking fines will be reviewed again in 1991.



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DIRECTOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND  
COMMUNITY SERVICES

SURVEY OF 1989 PARKING FINES IN G.V.R.D. MUNICIPALITIES

Municipality	Violation:	Illegal Parking	Amount of fine	Reduced for	early payment	Overtime Parking	Amount of fine	Reduced for	early payment
Existing Burnaby	\$	20.00	20.00	20.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	5.00
Proposed Burnaby	\$	25.00	20.00	20.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	8.00
Vancouver	\$	20.00	20.00	20.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	10.00
New Westminster	\$	20.00	20.00	20.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	5.00
North Vancouver	\$	20.00	12.00	20.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	10.00
North Vancouver District	\$	12.00	12.00	12.00	10.00	10.00	12.00	15.00	10.00
West Vancouver	\$	20.00	20.00	20.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	10.00
Richmond	\$	15.00	15.00	15.00	-	10.00	20.00	15.00	-
Surrey	\$	20.00	20.00	20.00	10.00	10.00	20.00	20.00	10.00
Coquitlam/Port Coquitlam	\$	10.00	10.00	10.00	-	-	10.00	10.00	-
Delta	\$	35.00	35.00	35.00	-	-	35.00	35.00	-

NOTE: 1) Fines for some municipalities have been adjusted to reflect Burnaby's schedule of fees.  
 2) Municipal fines for the operation of a truck off designated truck route (\$50.00), and operating a commercial vehicle without a valid municipal plate (\$25.00), are in line with other municipalities, and are appropriate at this time.

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