

**TO:** CITY MANAGER

2002 JULY 26

**FROM:** DIRECTOR FINANCE

**SUBJECT:** INTER-JURISDICTIONAL COMMERCIAL VEHICLE LICENSING AGREEMENT - THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION PLAN (IRP)

**PURPOSE:** To provide information to Council regarding the International Registration Plan.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **THAT** Council receive this report for information;
2. **THAT** a copy of this report be sent to:  
Mr. Hans Cunningham, Chair UBCM  
Suite 60 10551 Shellbridge Way  
Richmond, B.C. V6X 2W9

**REPORT**

At the 2002 July 08<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, Council received correspondence from the UBCM referencing an ICBC letter regarding an inter-jurisdictional commercial licensing agreement known as the International Registration Plan (IRP). The correspondence advises member municipalities of IRP and surveys municipalities about the potential implications of this agreement. This report provides Council with information on the International Registration Plan for commercial vehicles.

**The International Registration Plan**

On 2001 April 1, the International Registration Plan was agreed to among 48 states, 10 Canadian Provinces and the District of Columbia whereby a motor carrier can register commercial vehicle fleets for travel in all IRP jurisdictions by filing the paperwork with the home (base) jurisdiction. ICBC advises that it is now possible for some businesses to license their commercial vehicle fleets in the United States and then to operate them exclusively in Canada. They have identified a few thousand such vehicles that appear to be operating exclusively in British Columbia but are not registered or insured by this province. ICBC cites lower taxes, lower insurance rates and lower fees as the reasons for out of province registration. ICBC has expressed concerns about vehicle insurance, vehicle safety and enforcement of vehicle regulations in relation to the International Registration Plan.

**Implications for Burnaby**

While any compromise of vehicle and public safety is of concern, as a city, Burnaby has no direct responsibility for the ownership registration, insurance or safety inspections of commercial vehicles. One exception involves the granting of taxi licences under *Burnaby's Cab and Commercial Vehicles Bylaw*. ICBC has confirmed that taxi cabs would not fall within the definition of commercial vehicles as per the IRP and therefore has no effect on taxis.

The city's licencing of commercial vehicles is provided for in the Local Government Act and the *Commercial Vehicle Licencing Bylaw*. Burnaby issues commercial vehicle licence decals in accordance with the UBCM program and collects the appropriate decal fees which are based on the gross vehicle weight. The commercial vehicle licence program is not effected by the International Registration Plan.

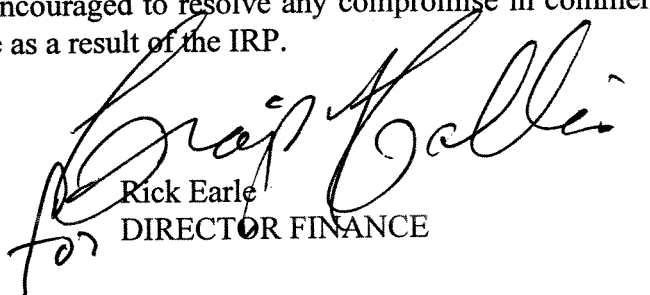
The Traffic Division of the Engineering Department is responsible for enforcing the *Burnaby Street and Traffic Bylaw*. All commercial vehicles, whether licenced in British Columbia or elsewhere, are required to comply with the provisions of this bylaw. Tickets can be issued for parking infractions, meter violations, overweight vehicles, no commercial vehicle decal and trucks illegally off a designated truck route.

The Parking Patrol Supervisor has advised that the main difficulty in ticketing out of province or US based vehicles is securing the registered owner information. There is currently no reciprocal agreement regarding access to Motor Vehicle Registration and Ownership with other provinces or states. Currently the Supervisor must write to the out of Province jurisdiction (and pay a fee) to secure registered owner information. It would be practical for ICBC to establish a reciprocity agreement, regarding access to Motor Vehicle Registration information, with all the IRP members. Individual member municipalities in British Columbia could then liaise directly with ICBC to secure the required information.

Burnaby has ticketed out of Province vehicles and has achieved relative success in collecting the fines. Tickets can be paid at any time by telephone using Mastercard or Visa and plans are in the works to allow payment of tickets over the Internet. These methods streamline the payment process and eliminate the need for the ticket holder to appear in person at City Hall during normal working hours.

### **Conclusion**

The International Registration Plan has no apparent impact on the City operations relating to commercial vehicles. In the interest of facilitating the issuance and service of City documents to owners of out of Province or US registered commercial vehicles, the City would encourage ICBC to develop a program or agreement for access to Motor Vehicle Registration information with all IRP members. Furthermore, ICBC is encouraged to resolve any compromise in commercial vehicle safety and insurance in the province as a result of the IRP.

  
for Rick Earle  
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