

CITY OF BURNABY
TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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*HIS WORSHIP, THE MAYOR
AND COUNCILLORS*

SUBJECT: FINE STRUCTURE FOR BYLAW PARKING VIOLATIONS

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council amend the Street and Traffic Bylaw fine provisions as discussed in this report.

REPORT

The Traffic Safety Committee, at its meeting held on 2004 February 03, received and adopted the attached report providing the results of a review of the fine structure for bylaw parking violations.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor D. Evans
Chair

Councillor N. Volkow
Vice Chair

Councillor L. Rankin
Member

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DIRECTOR ENGINEERING
CITY SOLICITOR
DIRECTOR FINANCE

City of Burnaby

INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

TO: TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE **DATE:** 2004 01 21

FROM: ASST. DIRECTOR ENGINEERING,
TRAFFIC & ENGINEERING SYSTEMS **FILE:** 42000-20

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PURPOSE: To provide Council with the results of a review of the fine structure for bylaw parking violations.

RECOMMENDATION:

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R E P O R T

The current parking fine structure is set at \$50 but if the fine is paid within five days the amount is reduced to \$25. A second discounted fine amount of \$40 is provided if the ticket is paid within 15 days. The \$50 and \$25 amounts are similar to the charges in other municipalities but the \$40 intermediate "step" is not.

The Bylaw Enforcement office deals with numerous enquiries from the public with regard to the fine structure. Many individuals find the current system confusing and feel that it can be inequitable. Many people still prefer to pay their fine in person at City Hall. With the current five day limit, if a person receives a ticket on a Friday they do not have the option of a late night opening to pay at the reduced rate. If a person receives a ticket prior to a four day long weekend they have only one day to pay at the reduced rate.

In many cases, when a ticket is mailed to the registered owner they will not receive it before the fine escalates to \$40. There are many occasions where a ticket recipient wishes to discuss the matter with the issuing officer. In the case of part time or auxiliary officers, it may be up to 6 days before the officer is back on shift and able to return the call. By this time the fine has escalated to \$40.

Engineering Department
Re: Fine Structure for Bylaw Parking Violations

In order to develop a more equitable system which can accommodate a variety of circumstances, it is recommended that the current three step fine structure be reduced to two steps by eliminating the middle step and increasing the discount period to 15 days. Thus, it is proposed that the parking fine be set at \$50 but if the fine is paid within 15 days, the amount be reduced to \$25.

The Director Finance concurs with this proposal.



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