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New Traffic Bylaw Passed

A new comprehensive Traffic Bylaw, including a new snow route parking ban on designated routes during heavy snowfalls, was passed by all members of Council at the January 30 meeting.

The Snow Route Parking Ban updates a previous section of the traffic bylaw, and will be declared on designated streets **only when necessary** during heavy snowfalls. At present there is a 3 am to 7 am ban on parking on designated routes enforced from October 31 to April 1.

“Administration and Council believe a ban is necessary to remove snow in the most efficient and timely manner to enable continuous resident and commercial traffic. Cars parked on designated snow route streets impede plows and do not allow efficient and effective snow clearing,” said Mayor Bob Maloney. “By declaring a ban only when necessary we will be making things easier for residents who sometimes have no options but street parking,” said the Mayor.

Due to the need to obtain approval from the provincial Highway Traffic Board prior to implementation of the new bylaw, then needing to have appropriate signage erected on the affected snow routes “it seemed prudent to delay implementation of the new snow route parking ban until next fall,” said the Mayor.

When the new ban comes into force in the fall of 2017, there will two designated routes as follows (map is attached):

1: Red Route (highest priority). When declared, no parking will be allowed on this route for three days following declaration or until snow is cleared. The Red Route includes: Darlington Street; Mayhew Avenue; Fourth Avenue; Myrtle Avenue; Wellington Avenue; Gladstone Avenue (from York Road to Sunset Drive North); Bradbrooke Drive; Circlebrooke Drive; and Allanbrooke Drive; Parkview Road; Independent Street; and Hamilton Road from Lawrence Avenue to Palliser Way.

2: Blue Route (secondary priority): This includes the downtown sections of Broadway Avenue from Laurier to Dracup, Smith Street from Myrtle to 7th Avenue, and the sections of Betts, First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Avenues from Smith Street to Broadway and Livingstone Street. When declared, no parking will be allowed on this route between 12 midnight and 7 am for three days, or until snow is cleared. Parking on these streets will be allowed from 7 am until midnight.

Other new aspects to the Traffic Bylaw include:

- No school bus parking on city streets at any time, but buses will now be allowed to park at public facilities such as the Gallagher Centre or Kinsmen Arena with approval from the Director or designate of the Community Development, Parks and Recreation Department.
- There will be a two hour limit on weekday downtown parking
- Construction trailer permits will now be on a **per trailer basis**, rather than one permit per operator. There will now also be new associated fees.
- Bike helmets will now be mandatory for everyone within city limits.
- Sidewalk snow clearing adjacent to school properties and in other specific areas indicated on the attached snow and litter removal map is now mandatory.
- Fines in the bylaw have also been generally increased.

Once the provincial Highway Traffic Board approves of the bylaw changes the new Traffic Bylaw will be posted in its entirety at www.Yorkton.ca. A map indicating the areas affected by the new Snow Route Parking Ban (to be enforced in Fall of 2017) is also attached.

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