

NM2010 - JANUARY

RE: REGULATIONS GOVERNING TIRES DESIGNED FOR WINTER DRIVING

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WHEREAS winter tires have proven their worth in terms of road safety by ensuring that vehicles have better stability when breaking and greater traction to help drivers stay on course, making it possible to stop in a shorter distance with more control;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Quebec under the Highway Safety Code requires that the owner of a taxi or passenger vehicle registered in Quebec may not put the vehicle into operation unless it is equipped with tires specifically designed for winter driving between December 15 to March 15;

AND WHEREAS the prohibitions of the Quebec government regulations also apply to any person renting out passenger vehicles not equipped with winter tires;

AND WHEREAS the purpose of this measure in Quebec is to increase road safety as a result of collision data indicating that 38% of all accidents that occurred during the winter of 2005 in Quebec, involved at least one vehicle that was equipped with all-season tires;

AND WHEREAS the Quebec regulations adopted in September 2008 define tires specifically designed for winter driving as those that meet certain criteria;

AND WHEREAS the Alberta Traffic Safety Act already specifies that all vehicles and their equipment (including tires) must be maintained in good working order;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Administration be directed to write a report for the 2010 June meeting of the SPC on Land Use Planning and Transportation on:

AS AMENDED:

- (a) Merits and implications of mandatory winter tires in Calgary winter weather conditions.
- (b) Municipal and provincial jurisdiction in setting regulatory requirements for mandatory use.
- (c) Opportunities and cost implications for using winter tires on City of Calgary vehicle fleets.