

2009 October 22

RE: Stand-by Tow Truck Service

Alderman Colley-Urquhart

WHEREAS stand-by tow trucks have been used along City of Calgary roadways and successfully trialed in 2005 and 2006 on a preferred rate basis with the Calgary Parking Authority's (CPA) partnership with City-Wide Towing;

AND WHEREAS stand-by tow trucks placed at strategic locations on critical roadway networks can reduce delay, fuel consumption and emissions, and reduce the possibility of secondary collisions;

AND WHEREAS other Canadian jurisdictions have this Incident Management Service in place which is considered by commuters to be highly beneficial to public safety and system reliability;

AND WHEREAS there is no budget in Calgary Roads to add this Incident Management Service;

AND WHEREAS the service contract between The Calgary Parking Authority and City-wide Towing expires in March 2010.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Administration be directed to prepare a report on:

- a) Implementing a stand-by tow truck service at key locations on the road network,
- b) Examine the feasibility of quick clearance legislation,
- c) Having the CPA include the cost of Stand-by Tow Truck Service and other provisions in the 2010 RFP,

And report back to Council through the SPC on Land Use, Planning and Transportation no later than 2009 December.