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Standby tow trucks pondered for peak hours

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Council has approved the idea of deploying tow trucks on key city roads clogged by traffic during rush hour.

Although politicians have officially asked administration to study a way of providing a standby tow-truck service along problematic roadways, including Deerfoot Tr., during morning and afternoon peak hours, some council members want to find who should pay for the service.

Ald. Diane Colley-Urquhart's motion asking administration to look into implementing a standby tow-truck service and examine feasibility of quick-clearance legislation, passed yesterday with one alderman opposed.

"This is long overdue," said Colley-Urquhart.

Colley-Urquhart said the timing of the study is perfect because the city's 10-year contract with a towing company is set to expire next spring.

"We can look at this issue on a cost-recovery basis, so that we can have tow trucks at strategic locations really during peak period times in the morning and in the afternoon."

Ald. Dale Hodges said no to the motion. He said there was no sufficient information to convince him to agree the service is necessary.

"Anyone that believes that towing is free is on some other wavelength than I am," he said.

"I need at least 100 pages of details."

During the construction of the Elbow Dr. interchange in 2005, Colley-Urquhart asked for standby tow trucks to monitor Glenmore Tr.

Ald. Ric McIver supported the motion, but he wants to know who would pay for the towing service

"I think it's a good idea but I'll start it out with, the person that's needing the service should be the one paying for it," he said. He said he wants to see the principle written in the report that whoever gets the service, shoulders the cost. Colley-Urquhart said those are exactly the details she wants in the report.

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