

Appendix C

Cost Recovery of Ticketing and Towing

Current:

Currently, 47 kilometres of streets in the city are enforced for no parking violations during the Spring Sweep Program at a cost of \$61,542. The total cost of the Spring Sweep Program is \$1.79 million annually.

The ticket fine amount is \$120 or \$85 on a voluntary early payment and the City of Regina (City) issues approximately 400 tickets during the Spring Sweep Program. Based on typically rates on non-compliance, full cost recovery of enforcement for the current program would include increasing the ticket fine amount to \$155 with no reduction for early voluntary payment. All costs of enforcement for the Spring Sweep are paid for through the operating budget, however when ticket revenue is collected it goes to the General Revenue Fund to partially offset the expenditures.

On average, 80 percent of tickets issued by Parking Enforcement are paid, this would affect cost recovery numbers.

Concern:

If the City were to expand enforcement activities to the remainder of the Spring Sweep Program, this would include installing temporary signage and parking enforcement for an additional 1,000 kilometres of the road network., The operating cost of expanding enforcement efforts City-wide is approximately \$1.32 million. (\$1,326/kilometer), this total includes towing costs.

To recover those costs, and based on the current compliance rates, the fine amount should be \$155 with no reduction for early voluntary payment. The value of this penalty is based off the City's current experience of issuing 8.5 tickets/kilometer, or 400 tickets over 47 kilometers. As this number is based off current experience and in areas that include high density residential neighbourhoods where off-street parking is limited, the current experience with compliance may not be realized in all areas of the City. In those cases, installing signage and active enforcement may not issue any tickets where homeowners have access to driveways and off-street parking. In addition, the proposed enhanced communication efforts could increase compliance and therefore ticket revenues would be decreased while the enforcement costs would remain consistent.

Cost of Enhancement:

In addition to the budgeted \$1.79 million for the Spring Sweep, the cost of enforcing the additional roads would be approximately \$1.32 million (\$1,326/kilometer).

Advantages:

- less debris on the streets as they will get swept curb to curb, allowing for safer pedestrian and bicycle travel
- will increase removal of vehicles consistently across the community

Disadvantages:

- increase in operating budget
- negative reaction from residents due to high ticket penalty
- compliance rates will vary, high compliance rates will equal lower revenue