

Police & License Meeting
July 13, 2021
Town Council Chambers

Present

Chair, Councillor W. Cormier
Mayor L. Boucher
Councillor Mayor M. Farrell
Councillor D. Roberts

S/Cst. J. Pellerin
S/Sgt. D. Combden, RCMP
R. Peters, Dr. Risk Mgmt. St. FX University
B. Fairhurst, St. FX External Affairs

D. Wilson, Deputy Clerk
S. Scannell, Community Development, Acting CAO

Regrets

S/Cst. S. Smith

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM and roundtable discussion took place.

The Chair noted that the only item on the Agenda was the review of the proposed Parking Meter Bylaw (previously distributed).

The Chair noted that the University would be implementing paid parking this coming year.

The Chair provided brief comment on changes to the proposed Parking Meter Bylaw.

S. Scannell stated that currently the parking bylaw contained redundancies with the Municipal Government Act and inconsistencies with provincial statutes and provided details. He provided comment on tickets that can be written.

The Committee was advised that staff are trying to modernize and create a more efficient system. He noted the Parking Meter Bylaw would replace the current Parking Bylaw. Further, dealing with items such as 'no parking' is already granted under the Motor Vehicle Act, and expanded on the details and changes in the proposed Parking Meter Bylaw.

S. Scannell noted that currently there is no mechanism for follow-up once a ticket has been issued and stated that the new process would include a parking meter violation voluntary payment within 21 days and expanded on the details. In trying to encourage turnover in the downtown, the proposed increased \$25 rate provides a deterrent for not following the guidelines. He further noted that the court has the authority to work with the Registry of Motor Vehicles to issue a Notice of Default, during which time a person cannot renew their license, as an example, until a fine has been paid.

S. Scannell responded to questions from the Committee related to parking turnover, issued tickets follow-up, breakdown of ticket fees, etc.

S. Scannell agreed to follow up on details regarding out of province plates that are issued tickets.

R. Peters noted the University will be utilizing permit parking and provided some details and issues yet to be addressed. He noted different areas of parking may be dealt with differently.

Members of the Committee provided comment, with S. Scannell providing clarification on various matters, including fees in other municipalities and HotSpot parking within Town. Discussion took place.

“It is recommended that Town Council give First Reading and move to a Public Hearing on the proposed Parking Meter Bylaw as presented.” Motion carried.

The Chair spoke briefly to parking within the downtown, particularly the former Post Office on Main Street. S. Scannell noted that staff are trying to account for some anticipated spill over from the University and those who attempt to circumvent paid parking. Staff will look at how to address these matters, such as 2-hour time limits, overnight parking in some lots during winter months, etc. S. Scannell noted he would work with staff on their observations.

It was noted that with the previous parking study insufficient observations were made, therefore additional details are required. S. Scannell noted that by working with observation points over a period of time, the Town will be able to gather more cohesive information.

Discussion took place on staffing and enforcement and it was noted that matters related to parking were very time consuming, and that staff have recently introduced e-ticketing, an OSID program, and the installation of a computer in the Town Bylaw vehicle.

S. Scannell confirmed that tickets issued on campus and at the hospital are tied into the Town's ticketing system.

At 2:04 PM the meeting was adjourned.