

Towing Vehicles from Private Property

Council Meeting
July 9, 2024

Parking Enforcement – Current State

By-law 1981-65 is enforced by:

- the town's mobile compliance officers
- municipal law enforcement officers appointed by the town



Towing Unauthorized Vehicles

Under By-law 1981-65, the following individuals may direct the towing of unauthorized vehicles parked on a private parking lot:

- the police
- municipal law enforcement officers appointed by the town
- the town's mobile compliance officers

Private parking lot owners have also towed unauthorized vehicles from their lot under common law.

Options

Option #1:

Contact the Province to consider amendments to the Towing and Storage Safety and Enforcement Act

Option #2:

Amend By-law 1981-65 to reflect current practice

Option #3:

Override a private parking lot owner's ability to tow



Option #1 – Amendment to TSSEA

The Mayor, on behalf of Council, write to the Minister of Transportation to urge amendments to TSSEA to define the “other person with authority to direct impoundment or storage” of a vehicle.

Clarification of this term would assist in formulating a direction for managing towing from private parking lots without the consent of the vehicle owner.

Option #2 - Amend By-law 1981-65 to Reflect Current Practice

- Amend By-law 1981-65 to remove the towing remedy
- Private parking lot owner able to tow under common law/ TSSEA



Option #3 – Override the Ability to Tow

- Discussions with HRPS
- Develop a by-law and towing program



Questions?