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Item No. 13
Halifax Regional Council
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TO: Mayor Savage and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY: Original Signed

Kelly Denty, Acting Director Planning and Development

DATE: September 1, 2017

SUBJECT: Multiple Tickets Issued for Parking Meter Violations

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

The following motion was put and passed at Committee of the Whole on February 15, 2017 and ratified at Regional Council on March 28, 2017:

THAT Halifax Regional Council request a staff information report respecting revenue and parking enforcement.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Section 70(1)(d) of the *HRM Charter* states that the Municipality may establish or maintain parking facilities.

Sections 153 and 154 of the Province of Nova Scotia *Motor Vehicle Act* allow Regional Council, by by-law, to restrict or regulate parking.

By-law P-500, Respecting Parking Meters for the Regulation of Parking of Vehicles Left Standing in the Halifax Regional Municipality states:

Section 11, Parking in Excess of Time Allowed

(2) When the driver of any vehicle has parked or left standing in any parking space for a period of time in excess of the maximum period of time allowed by the directions set forth on such parking meter it shall be a new and separate offence for each additional hour that an offence continues.

BACKGROUND

During the February 15, 2017 Committee of the Whole budget discussions, Councillor Whitman sought information relative to the possibility of pyramiding/stacking of tickets for parking meter violations.

DISCUSSION

The purpose of the parking meters is to provide short term parking and allow user turn over on a regular basis. It has been noted that some citizens are taking advantage of parking meters and keeping their vehicles parked beyond the permitted time allotted on the meters.

By-law P-500 authorizes staff to issue multiple tickets for each additional hour an offence continues. The contracted Parking Enforcement Officers have been educated on this section of the legislation. As is the case with all enforcement of legislation, it is at the Officer's discretion as to when a ticket is issued.

Specific to this violation, an Officer can issue the original ticket and chalk the tires or record the valve stem placements. They can return to the location an hour later to determine if the car has moved. If it has not, an additional ticket can be issued and tickets can be issued for every subsequent hour the vehicle has not moved at that location.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

N/A

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