



# Mobile Business Licence By-law

**Committee of the Whole**

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# Presentation Outline

- Council Meeting – February 10, 2020
- Review of Regulations
- Amendments Proposed to Mobile Business Licence By-law
- Conclusion

# Council Review – Feb 10, 2020

- Council directed staff to review tow truck regulations in relation to:
  - criminal record requirements
  - annual licensing fee structure

# Review of Regulations

- Criminal Record Requirements
  - Richmond Hill, Toronto, and Vaughan all have criminal conviction thresholds
  - Thresholds range from 3-10yrs, depending on the conviction, with certain convictions identified as prohibited with no threshold
  - YRP provided input with a strong recommendation to align by-law with southern York Region municipalities

# Review of Tow Truck Regulations

- Tow Truck Licensing Fee Structure
  - Richmond Hill, Toronto, and Vaughan all have higher licensing rates when totaling the company, driver, and vehicle fees
  - Attachment #5 breaks down company, driver, vehicle licensing fees and the average cost to obtain a new or renewal licence

# Amendments Proposed Tow Truck Licensing Fees

## Option #1

- Staff previously proposed a one-time licensing fee of \$2,000 and renewal fee of \$750
- Based on tow truck company fees throughout York Region + Brampton + Mississauga

Rationale: less administration by  
removing driver & vehicle licensing

# Amendments Proposed Tow Truck Licensing Fees

## Option #2

- To align licensing fees with other municipalities, company + driver + vehicle fees would all be under consideration
- Fees would be significantly higher for both new and renewal applications
  - 1-3 RH: \$2,758 (renewal \$1,000)
  - 1-3 TO: \$2,048 (renewal \$1,423)
  - 1-3 VN: \$1,505 (renewal \$1,340)
  - 7-9 average = \$4,400 (renewal \$2,650)

# Amendments Proposed Tow Truck Licensing Fees

## Option #3 (Recommended by Staff)

- Establish tiered licensing fee structure unique to Newmarket
- Fees would be lower than both Option #1 (for smaller fleets) and Option #2 (for all fleet sizes)
  - 1-3 Vehicles: \$1,000 (renewal: \$750)
  - 4-6 Vehicles: \$2,000 (renewal: \$1,500)
  - 7-9 Vehicles: \$3,000 (renewal: \$2,250)
  - 10+ Vehicles: \$4,000 (renewal: \$3,000)



# Amendments Proposed

## Criminal Record Requirements

- Staff are proposing conviction thresholds under Schedule “B”, attached to the Mobile Business Licence By-law
- Thresholds range from 3-10yrs, depending on the conviction, with certain convictions identified as prohibited with no threshold
- Thresholds align with Richmond Hill, Toronto, & Vaughan
- Toronto staff advised their Legal and Enforcement Divisions recently reviewed thresholds (called “Screening Criteria”)

# Conclusion

- After receiving Council direction to review and report back on the tow truck industry, staff are proposing:
  - changes to the criminal record requirements via Schedule “B” (for consistency, this will apply to all classifications as a community standard process)
  - Three options for a licensing fee structure, with Option #3 – tiered licensing fees being recommended

# Questions?