

CITY OF FORT SASKATCHEWAN

Bylaw C16-15 - Prohibit Alternating Flashing Lights on School Buses

Motion:

That Council give third reading to Bylaw C16-15, which amends Traffic Bylaw C4-09 by prohibiting the use of alternating flashing lights on school buses.

Purpose:

At the April 28, 2015 regular Council Meeting Bylaw C16-15 was given first and second reading. Since Bylaw C16-15 did not receive unanimous consent to proceed with third reading at the meeting, the bylaw was set over to the May 12, 2015 regular Council meeting. If approved, Bylaw C16-15 will effectively prohibit the use of alternating flashing lights and stop arm on school buses within the City of Fort Saskatchewan.

Background:

Council has received information from Administration, School Boards, Student Transportation Authorities, school bus operators and parents on this topic. Since 2010, Fort McMurray, Camrose, Edmonton, Red Deer, Medicine Hat, Grand Prairie, St. Albert and Calgary have each conducted a review of school bus operations, with a view to making their communities safer. All but Fort McMurray elected to continue with their current practice of prohibiting the use of alternating flashing lights and stop arm on school buses in their urban areas.

The preponderance of information presented supported prohibiting the use of the eight way alternating flashing lights and stop arm within the City of Fort Saskatchewan. The focus of information presented was on maintaining the safest possible environment for transporting students to and from school.

Plans/Standards/Legislation:

- City of Fort Saskatchewan Strategic Plan Guiding Principles: To work collaboratively with our colleagues, residents, partners and stakeholders. To use a forward thinking mindset and consider the impact of decisions on others.
- Community Sustainability Plan Update: Goal of a safe community.

Financial Implications:

The enactment of this Bylaw would maintain the current school bus operations within the City. The only financial implications relate to a communications campaign articulating the practice in Fort Saskatchewan.

Internal Impacts:

There are no internal impacts from the enactment of this legislation.

Alternatives:

1. That Council give third reading to Bylaw C16-15, which amends Traffic Bylaw C4-09 by prohibiting the use of alternating flashing lights on school buses.

2. That Council not give third reading to Bylaw C16-15, which amends Traffic Bylaw C4-09 by prohibiting the use of alternating flashing lights on school buses, and advise how they wish to proceed.

Recommendation:

That Council give third reading to Bylaw C16-15, which amends Traffic Bylaw C4-09 by prohibiting the use of alternating flashing lights on school buses.

Attachment:

Bylaw C16-15 – Amending Traffic Bylaw C4-09

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Approved by:	Brenda Rauckman General Manager, Corporate & Protective Services	Date: May 5, 2015
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Reviewed by:	Kelly Kloss City Manager	Date: May 6, 2015
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Submitted to:	City Council	Date: May 12, 2015
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