



# COUNCIL QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Meeting date: January 18<sup>th</sup>

**1. In terms of the uncollectible parking accounts, how does this amount (\$294,345.95) compare to other years?**

Prior years' write offs for uncollectible accounts did not include any amount for uncollectible parking tickets associated with Yukon plates.

2019 - \$27,817.13

2018 - \$22,516.25

Between 2009 and 2011 the City had been working to integrate our ticketing system with Government of Yukon's Department of Motor Vehicles (MV). This integration enabled MV to assist the City with collections by disallowing renewing of registration or drivers' licenses for those people with outstanding tickets.

Administration had not recommended writing these types of tickets off in the past as it was anticipated that the collection enforcement through MV would result in the many of these outstanding tickets being paid. However, a few years after implementation, MV stopped enforcing collection due to system operational issues. For the last two years Administration has been working on reintegrating the systems with some successes. While further development is still required administration is optimistic that uncollectible amounts for more current years will be considerably lower.

Administration is now recommending the write-off of these aged Yukon tickets to adhere to Public Sector Accounting Standards.

**a. Can you provide a detailed breakdown of the types of parking infractions in question?**

Infraction	2008-2011		2012		2013		All years total	
	# of tickets	Total Value	# of tickets	Total Value	# of tickets	Total Value	# of tickets	Total Value
Balance Clearing (\$.01-\$15)	4	\$ 0.04	11	\$ 15.10	1	\$ 0.01	1	\$ 15.15
Overtime/Expired Meters (\$25 fine + \$30 Court Penalty)	2,115	\$ 116,325.00	1,482	\$ 81,510.00	999	\$ 54,945.00	4,596	\$ 252,780.00
Stop in lane - not loading/unloading (\$50 fine + \$30 Court Penalty)	1	\$ 80.00		\$ 80.00	2	\$ 160.00	3	\$ 320.00
Park in private stall (\$100 fine + \$30 Court Penalty)					1	\$ 130.00	1	\$ 130.00
Park in bus zone (\$125 fine + \$30 Court Penalty)					4	\$ 620.00	4	\$ 620.00
Park in Accessible space (\$250 fine + \$30 Court Penalty)	6	\$ 1,680.00	18	\$ 5,040.00	10	\$ 2,800.00	34	\$ 9,520.00
Totals	2,126	\$ 118,085.04	1,511	\$ 86,645.10	1,017	\$ 58,655.01	4,654	\$ 263,385.15

**b. What are the City's options for collection?**

The process for collection for traffic fines involves issuing the ticket itself, which is left on the vehicle at the time of the infraction. If the ticket is unpaid approximately three weeks after it has been issued the ticket will go to court. After the ticket has gone to court the owner of the vehicle will be sent a letter informing the owner that a plea of guilty has been entered and a court penalty has been added.



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Our agreement with MV stipulates that if a registrant has parking tickets of \$100 or more, MV will assist the City in collection by disallowing the owner to renew their drivers' license or their vehicle registration until the balance has been paid.

Any further recourse for collection would be limited to resending letters to the addresses that were associated with the tickets at the time of issuance as the City has a strict information sharing agreement with MV that restricts use of personal information associated with registered owners.

In accordance with Public Sector Accounting Standards these items no longer meet the definition of an asset (accounts receivable) as they no longer embody a future economic benefit due to their age and small individual dollar value, there isn't a feasible means to collect and therefore, they should be derecognized.

There is a small possibility that some collection will occur subsequent to write-off. In that event the collection will be appropriately recognized in the City's financial records.

### **2. Does Telus currently have an advertising contract with the City?**

Telus had an agreement in 2020 for in-ice Blue Line Advertising at Takhini Arena. The agreement ended on September 23, 2020, they did not renew for 2021.

### **3. In terms of the zoning amendment for 410 Cook Street, is a parking pass program available for this area of downtown?**

The City's Residential Parking Permit Program is not applicable for Cook Street. The city created the Residential Parking Permit Program in 2012 which was intended to increase the supply of parking for residents living adjacent to time-limited parking zones with limited off-street parking. The City Traffic Bylaw (Section 108) covers the conditions that allow residents to apply for a Residential Parking Permit. Since Cook Street is not a time-limited parking zone (as required in Section 108(3)), it precludes Cook Street residents from the Residential Parking Permit Program.

### **4. In terms of the Selkirk Pump House Second Barrier Treatment Project RFP, how will the technical requirements of this project affect local bidders?**

The primary focus of this project is to secure the expertise in water treatment that will ensure that the City of Whitehorse continues to provide safe drinking water to our citizens.

Administration is confident that the bulk (~95%) of this project performance will need to come from specialized drinking water treatment expertise that resides outside the Yukon Territory.

The 5% that would be required for site reviews of existing drinking water infrastructure could be done locally by a junior technical staff member of the winning proponent, or if



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the proponent does not have a local office, by staff travelling to the city for those tasks. This requirement of the RFP however would be scored in the technical portion (i.e. methodology / schedule).

There are national firms that have offices in Whitehorse that we expect would bid on this RFP. These firms however would not have the technical expertise at the local office but their national headquarters most likely would. Having a locally staffed office would give a price advantage for the 5% needed for site reviews since no travel would be required to complete this project.

There is also the possibility that firms without an office in the Yukon may contract that 5% requirement to an existing local firm to be competitive with firms that are here now. For these reasons, Administration is recommending zero points for local content with more emphasis on technical expertise and price to get the best value for the City of Whitehorse.