

RESPONSE TO COUNCILLOR INQUIRY

COUNCILLOR WATRIN

Councillor Watrin suggested that Administration notify residents of the need to remove vehicles which have been parked on streets throughout the winter before spring street sweeping begins.

Estimated Administrative Time to Respond

☒ Under 4 hours (no motion required)

☐ Over 4 hours (motion required) Estimated Hours: n/a

Motion

n/a

Response

Municipal Enforcement, Transportation, and Communications are all actively engaged in proactive strategies to address the excessive amount of vehicles parked for over 72 hours and deemed “abandoned” under the *Traffic Safety Act*.

I am pleased to report that these efforts have results in a significant increase in the number of vehicles addressed over last year, as per the table below:

Okotoks Municipal Enforcement Vehicle Investigations	Nov. 1, 2016 to March 7, 2017	Nov. 1, 2017 to March 7, 2018	% Increase
TOTAL	48	146	315%

The Town has deployed new, innovative strategies such as collaborating with Citizens on Patrol to identify and report abandoned vehicles to our members. The vehicles are first checked to ensure they are not stolen, and then proactively addressed by Peace Officers.

Abandoned vehicles are easy to identify in the winter so our efforts at this time of the year will pay off in the spring when they are less obvious. Additional public communication strategies will be deployed in the coming weeks to ensure vehicles are moved to allow for spring street sweeping.

Attachment(s)

1. n/a

Prepared by:
Kelly Stienwand
Municipal Enforcement Manager
March 5, 2018