



RPT 20-483

TITLE: Waive Parking Fees Request 1st Avenue West

DATE: December 11, 2020

TO: Executive Committee

PUBLIC: X

INCAMERA:

RECOMMENDATION:

That this report be received as information and filed.

TOPIC & PURPOSE:

To inform Council of Administration's decision with regards to the request to waive fees for November and December in the 1st Avenue West lot.

PROPOSED APPROACH AND RATIONALE:

The request to waive fees for November and December parking lot permits utilizing the 1st Avenue West Parking lot has been denied by the City Manager in a letter dated October 23, 2020.

The City is obligated to ensure a fair and equitable system for all permit holders. While it is unfortunate that these vehicles were damaged in this lot the City does not assume responsibility for the vehicles utilizing the spaces at any of our parking lots or metered parking spaces. Our Parking permits are valid in any City parking lot in the downtown area and may be used for any lot.

Our Parking permits are sold in 1 month, 4 month, 8 month and 12 month packages, with a discount for purchases made for longer time periods. Typically the discount is offered as it is prepaid. However, this group has made a deal with the City to purchase the passes monthly at the 12 month discounted rate guaranteeing that they will purchase passes for the 12 month period. If they are not able to guarantee the purchase of passes for the 12 month period they no longer qualify for the 12 month discounted rate and should be paying the monthly rate.

If they were to purchase a pass at the monthly rate it would cost \$675.00 for the 10 months they used the passes. However since they are already getting a discount for the purchase as they have guaranteed a 12 months purchase they have only paid \$608.40 for the year.

The City is not able to make special allowances for this group and they are already receiving parking passes at a discounted rate. The permits that were purchased for these vehicles are valid in any of the parking lots downtown and are not specific to this lot in which the damage to the vehicles occurred. This group can choose to park these vehicles in any of our City owned lots that they feel are more suitable for overnight parking.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Public Notice pursuant to Public Notice Bylaw No. 24 of 2015 is not required.

Written by: Keri Sapsford, Transportation and Traffic Manager

Approved by: Director of Public Works & City Manager