

Whereas the Province of Ontario has implemented a Tow Zone Pilot Project limiting access to those requiring towing services while travelling the 401 Highway and the Queen Elizabeth Way Highway to only provincially designated providers;

and Whereas the Tow Zone Pilot has restricted access for many existing licensed Mississauga Tow Truck operators to a significant portion of the towing market;

and Whereas the pricing structure as defined by the Province of Ontario for the Tow Zone Pilot recognizes the costs to Tow Truck operators associated with both waiting and travel times;

and Whereas the introduction of Collision Reporting Centers (CRCs) by Peel Regional Police in the fall of 2021, with limited hours of operation, necessitates that a vehicle involved in a collision outside of CRC hours be towed to a vehicle pound facility, stored and then re-towed at a later time;

and Whereas the limited hours and locations of CRCs may result in significant wait times for processing during times when CRCs are in operation;

and Whereas the dramatic increase in fuel prices, insurance and other costs associated with towing has negatively impacted the continued viability of the towing industry;

and Whereas the Collision Towing Rate contained in the City of Mississauga Tow Truck Licensing By-law 0521-2004, as amended did not anticipate, and is not reflective of, the additional costs and reduced market that have impacted the towing industry;

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That the City of Mississauga Tow Truck Licensing By-law 0521-2004 Collision Towing Rate for all vehicles not exceeding six thousand (6000) pounds or 2721 kgs in towing weight be amended to flat rate not to exceed a maximum of four hundred dollars (\$400) in addition to applicable taxes
2. That the City of Mississauga Tow Truck Licensing By-law 0521-2004 Collision Towing Rate for all vehicles not exceeding six thousand (6000) pounds or 2721 kgs in towing weight be amended to flat rate not to exceed a maximum of seven hundred and fifty (\$750) dollars in addition to applicable taxes when the vehicle is directed to a Collision Reporting Center
3. That through the office of the Mayor, Mississauga Council formally identify the concerns of the Tow Truck Industry and request that the hours of operation of Collision Reporting Centers in Mississauga be expanded to better serve the travelling public.

