

CITY OF FORT ST. JOHN  
CONSOLIDATED  
BYLAW NO. 720, 1979 AND AMENDMENTS

A BY-LAW OF THE CITY OF FORT ST. JOHN TO REGULATE TRAFFIC AND THE USE  
OF HIGHWAYS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF FORT ST. JOHN.

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 125 of the Motor Vehicle Act, and Sections 460 – 463 inclusive and 514 of the Municipal Act the Council is authorized to regulate traffic and the use of highways within the Municipality.

NOW THEREFORE, the Municipal Council of the City of Fort St. John in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

SECTION 1, SHORT TITLE

This By-Law may be cited for all purposes as the “City of Fort St. John Traffic By-Law No. 720.”

SECTION 2, DEFINITIONS

In this By-Law unless the context otherwise requires:

“ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE” means any type of vehicle propelled by motorized power and capable of travel on or off a highway as defined in the Highways Act and that is designated as an all Terrain Vehicle by regulations.

“ANGLE PARKING” means the parking of a vehicle other than parallel to a curb or lateral lines of the roadway.

“AXLE” means a structure in the same, or approximately the same, transverse plane supported by wheels and, on or with which such wheels revolve. Any two axles of a vehicle, or combination of vehicles the centers of which are less than 1.067 meters (approximately 42 inches) apart, shall be considered to be one axle for the purpose of this By-Law.

“ARTERIAL HIGHWAY” means Highways classified as such pursuant to Section 31 of the Highways Act.

“BOULEVARD” means that portion of a highway between the curb lines or the lateral lines of a roadway and the adjoining property or roadway, and includes curbs, sidewalks and ditches.

<u>“CHIEF OF POLICE”</u>	means the Chief of Police or his authorized representative of the Municipality for the time being or the senior resident member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police responsible for the policing of the Municipality.
<u>“CHIEF OF POLICE” cont'...</u>	
<u>“CLERK”</u>	means the Municipal Clerk of the City of Fort St. John and his Deputy.
<u>“COMBINATION OF VEHICLES”</u>	means a combination of motor vehicles and trailer, or motor vehicle and trailers.
<u>“COMMERCIAL VEHICLE”</u>	means motor vehicles required by law to obtain a Municipal motor vehicle licence plate.
<u>“COUNCIL”</u>	means the Council of the City of Fort St. John.
<u>“CROSSWALK”</u>	means (a) Any portion of the roadway at an intersection or elsewhere distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing by signs or by lines or other markings on the surface, or;  (b) The portion of a highway at an intersection that is included within the connection of the lateral lines of the sidewalks on the opposite sides of the highway, or within the extension of the lateral lines of the sidewalk on one side of the Highway, measured from the curbs, or in the absence of curbs, from the edges of the roadway.
<u>“CYCLE”</u>	means a device having any number of wheels that is propelled by human power and on which a person or persons may ride. Includes Go-Cart, Wagon, Coaster, Roller Skates, and Skate Boards.
<u>“DBA”</u>	means the sound level measured on the A scale of a sound level meter set on the slow reading scale.
<u>“DRIVE AXLE”</u>	means an axle that is or may be connected to the power source of towing vehicle and transmits tractive power to the wheels.
<u>“ENGINEER”</u>	means the Municipal Engineer of the City of Fort St. John or his authorized representative.
<u>“FARM VEHICLE”</u>	means a commercial vehicle owned and operated by a farmer, rancher or market gardener, the use of which is confined to purposes connected with his farm, ranch or

<u>"FARM VEHICLE" cont'...</u>	market garden, including use for pleasure and is not used in connection with any other business in which the owner may be engaged.
<u>"FLAMMABLE LIQUID"</u>	means any liquid having a flash point below 93.3 deg. C. (200 Deg. F.) and having a vapour pressure not exceeding 276 Kpa (40 PSI) at 37.8 Deg. C. (100 Deg. F.)
<u>"GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT"</u>	means the combined weight of the vehicle and its load.
<u>"GROSS WEIGHT, GROUP OF AXLES"</u>	means the sum of the gross axle weights of all the axles comprising the group of axles.
<u>"GROSS WEIGHT, SINGLE AXLE"</u>	means the gross weight carried by a single axle and transmitted to the road by the wheels of that axle.
<u>"GROSS WEIGHT, SINGLE AXLES"</u>	means the sum of the individual axle weights of all the axles of a vehicle or combination of vehicles.
<u>"GROUP OF AXLES"</u>	means any two or more successive axles on a vehicle or combination of vehicles.
<u>"HIGHWAY"</u>	includes every highway within the meaning of the Highways Act and every road, street, lane, or right-of-way designed or intended for or used by the general public for the passage of vehicles, and every private place or passageway to which the public, for the purpose of the parking or servicing of vehicles, has access or is invited.
<u>"RATED KW"</u>	means the gross KW of power of the engine of the towing vehicle as customarily rated by the manufacturer.
<u>"LANE"</u>	means any highway not exceeding 8m in width.
BYLAW 773 <u>"MANAGER"</u>	means the Municipal Manager of the City of Fort St. John or his authorized representative.
<u>"METERED SPACE"</u>	means a section of highway at which a parking meter has been installed.
<u>"MOTOR VEHICLE"</u>	means a vehicle, not run upon rails, that is designated to be self-propelled.
<u>"MOTOR-CYCLE"</u>	means a motor-vehicle running on two or three wheels and having a saddle or seat for the driver to sit astride.

<u>“MUNICIPALITY”</u>	means the City of Fort St. John.
<u>“NON-SCHEDULED HIGHWAY”</u>	means all highways within the City of Fort St. John except those set out in the Motor Vehicle Act Regulations.
<u>“OWNER”</u>	in respect of any real property means the registered owner of an estate in fee simple, and in the event of there being registered a life estate includes the tenant for life. In the event that there is registered an agreement for sale and purchase, “owner” means the registered holder of the last registered agreement for sale and purchase. In the case of real property held in the manner mentioned in Sections 335 and 336 of the “Municipal Act” “owner” means the holder or occupier as therein set out; and for the purpose of this By-Law shall include the registered owner of a motor vehicle.
<u>“PARK”</u>	when prohibited, means the standing of a vehicle, whether occupied or not, except when standing temporarily for the purpose of and while actually engaged in loading or unloading.
<u>“PEACE OFFICER”</u>	means a constable or person having the powers of a constable and includes a By-Law Enforcement Officer under the provisions of the Police Act.
<u>“PEDESTRIAN”</u>	means a person afoot, or an invalid or child in a wheelchair or carriage.
<u>“PERMIT”</u>	means a document in writing issued pursuant to this By-Law.
<u>“PERSON”</u>	shall include any corporation, partnerships, firm or association and for the purpose of this By-Law shall include the registered owner of a motor vehicle.
<u>“RECREATIONAL VEHICLE”</u>	means a motor vehicle that is designed or used primarily for accommodation during travel or recreation.
<u>“RESIDENTIAL AREA”</u>	means any area zoned residential in the Zoning By-Law of the City currently in force and shall include the highways abutting such zones and where the zone is different on the two sides of the highway the dividing line shall be taken to be the centre line of the Highway.
<u>“ROADWAY”</u>	means the portion of the Highway that is improved, designed or ordinarily used for

<u>“ROADWAY” cont...</u>	Vehicular traffic, but does not include the shoulder; and where a highway includes two or more separate roadways, the term “roadway” refers to any one roadway separately and not to all of the roadways collectively.
<u>“S.A.M.”</u>	means the portable crusher employed by the Provincial Government for the crushing of automobile bodies or similar private facilities.
<u>“SEMI-TRAILER”</u>	means a vehicle, other than a trailer, which is drawn by a motor vehicle and which is so constructed that some part of its weight and some part of the weight of its load rests upon, or is carried by the towing vehicle.
<u>“SIDEWALK”</u>	means the area between the curb-lines or lateral lines of a roadway and the adjacent property lines improved for use of pedestrians or any other improved area set aside for pedestrian use only.
<u>“TANK VEHICLE”</u>	includes a vehicle other than a railroad car or boat with a cargo tank mounted thereon, or built as an integral part thereof, used for the transportation of “flammable liquids” and includes a self propelled vehicle with full trailer or semi-trailer without motive power and with wheels carrying either part or all of the load.
<u>“THROUGH HIGHWAY”</u>	means a highway or part of a highway at the entrance to which stop signs are erected under this By-Law.
<u>“TRAFFIC”</u>	includes pedestrians, ridden or herded animals, vehicles, cycles and other conveyances, either singly or together, while using a highway for purposes of travel.
<u>“TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE”</u>	means a sign, signal, line, meter, marking, space, barrier, or device, placed or erected by authority of the Council or person duly authorized by the Council to exercise such authority.
<u>“TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL”</u>	means a traffic control device, whether manually, electrically or mechanically operated by which traffic is directed to stop and proceed.
<u>“TRAFFIC PATROL”</u>	means an adult school crossing guard or a school pupil acting as a member of a school patrol where such guards or pupils are provided under the Public Schools Act or authorized by the Chief of Police.

BYLAW 1469      “TRUCK ROUTE”

in the City of Fort St. John will be:

- (a) Those streets and avenues bounded on the east by 100<sup>th</sup> Street, on the West by 108<sup>th</sup> Street, on the north by 96<sup>th</sup> Avenue and on the south by Alaska Road.
- (b) Those streets and avenues south of the Alaska Highway.
- (c) The East Bypass Road and the Alaska Highway both for those sections within City boundaries.
- (d) That portion of Alaska Road north between 86<sup>th</sup> Street and the east Bypass (146 Road).
- (e) That portion of 101<sup>st</sup> Avenue between the 86<sup>th</sup> Street and 88<sup>th</sup> Street.**

**BYLAW 1553**

“TRAILER”

means a vehicle that is at any time drawn upon a highway by a motor-vehicle, except;

- (a) an implement of husbandry;
- (b) a side-car attached to a motor-cycle; and
- (c) a disabled motor-vehicle that is towed by a tow-car, and includes a semi-trailer as defined in the Commercial Transport Act.

“TRUCK TRACTOR”

means a motor vehicle designed and used primarily for drawing other vehicles and not so constructed as to carry a load other than a part of the weight of the vehicle so drawn and of the load of such other vehicle.

“VEHICLE”

means a device in, upon, or by which a person or thing is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway, except a device designated to be moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.

“WHEEL BASE”

means the distance, which is closest to 304.8mm (approx. 1 ft.) between the centres of two (2) axles which are farthest apart.

“WIDTH OF TIRES”

means, with respect to rubber tires, the width of tire which are customarily measured and rated by manufacturers of motor vehicles and tires, and, with respect to metal tires or solid rubber tires, the transverse of the outer circumference of the metal tire or solid rubber tire.

“WINTER TIRE”

means a tire that is advertised or represented by its manufacturer or a person in the business of selling tires to be a tire intended principally for winter use and that provides or is designed to provide adequate traction in

“WINTER TIRE” cont'...

snow or mud and is in such condition respecting tread wear and other particulars as the regulations under the Motor Vehicle Act may prescribe.

SECTION 3, ENFORCEMENT

PART I – OFFENCES OTHER THAN PARKING

No person shall:

TRAFFIC CONTROL  
DEVICE

1. Except where otherwise directed by a Peace Officer or a person authorized by a Peace Officer to direct traffic, walk, or operate a vehicle or cycle contrary to the instruction of an applicable traffic control device erected pursuant to the provisions of this By-Law.

ANIMALS

2. Unless otherwise permitted by an applicable traffic control device, drive a motor vehicle, or ride or herd any animals along any sidewalks, walkway or boulevards.

PLAY

3. Use roller skates, skate boards, sleighs, skates, skis, or other similar means of conveyance on any roadway.

DEBRIS

4. Being the person who has removed a wrecked or damaged vehicle from the scene of an accident, leave any glass or other debris from the accident upon a roadway.

EXCAVATION

5. Leave any excavation or other obstruction upon a highway without sufficiently fencing, barricading, and marking the same with warning lights.

PROCESSION

6. Drive or operate a vehicle between the persons or vehicles comprising a funeral procession or parade unless part of the funeral procession or parade.

OBSTRUCT

7. Stand or loiter in such a manner as to obstruct or impede or interfere with traffic on a roadway.

TRACK VEHICLES

8. Operate track vehicles on sidewalks, boulevards, roadways or lanes.

BYLAW 871

LANE

9. Unless otherwise posted, drive a vehicle upon a lane or in a Municipal Park in excess of 25km/h (approximately 10 mph.)

CONSTRUCTION

10. Unless otherwise posted, drive a vehicle in excess of 25 km/h (approximately 10 mph.) in

CONSTRUCTION cont'...	a zone where signs are posted indicating that the road is being repaired, widened or marked.
MERCHANDISE	11. Place or permit to be placed any fuel, lumber merchandise, chattel or ware of any nature on a Highway.
SKIDDING	12. Drag or skid anything along or over a Highway so that the same damages the surface of the Highway.
EARTH	13. Being the owner or occupier of property abutting on a highway, allow or permit any earth, rocks, stones, logs or stumps or other things to cave, fall, crumble, slide or accumulate from any such property onto a highway or being there to remain thereon.
CORNERS	14. Being the owner or occupier of property abutting on a highway at an intersection of another highway, construct a fence or grow a hedge or permit a fence or hedge to remain so that the fence or hedge is more than 1m. (approximately 3'3") higher than the finished grade of the abutting highways for a distance of 8m (approximately 26'2") back along both abutting and intersecting highways along the abutting property lines of the lot from the point of intersection of the highways.
NOTICES	15. Remove any notice or ticket affixed or placed on a vehicle by a city employee unless he is the owner or operator of such vehicle.
GARBAGE FACILITY	16. Being the owner or occupier of property abutting a highway, allow any garbage containers or other facilities related to garbage collection to be upon any portion of the highway.
PARKS	17. Drive a motor vehicle within the boundaries of any City park except upon a roadway.
DITCHES	18. Construct or maintain a ditch the water from which causes damage to any highway.
LEAFLETS	19. Distribute leaflets upon any highway by placing the same on the windshield of a motor vehicle parking upon the Highway.
BYLAW 1585 TRUCKS	20. Unless otherwise posted with traffic control devices indicating a truck route drive a truck with a gross vehicle weight in excess of 11,500kg (approximately 26,300lbs) upon a highway with the below listed exceptions:



TRUCKS cont'...

- municipal or utility company (electricity, gas, telephone and cable vision) vehicles,
- trucks delivering goods and materials to properties on a street or streets not directly serviced by such roadway,
- trucks without trailers having a gross vehicle weight not exceeding 25,00kg that are accessing motel or hotel accommodations providing that the trucks are parked in an off-street parking lot meeting the requirements of the Zoning By-Law and that truck or refrigeration motors are not left running,
- farm trucks without trailers,
- logging trucks with their trailers decked on the tractor that are accessing businesses in the Commercial C2 and C3 zones, and
- truck tractors that are accessing businesses in the Commercial C2 and C3 zones.

INSECURE LOAD

21. Operate a vehicle upon a roadway carrying any materials or goods unless such materials and goods are secured so that the same cannot fall from the vehicle while the vehicle is proceeding along the roadway or permit any materials or goods falling from a vehicle to remain upon a highway.

BYLAW 871

NO PASSING SCHOOL

22. Being the driver of a motor vehicle, overtake or pass another vehicle in a designated school zone, park zone or at a crosswalk.

ALL TERRAIN  
VEHICLES

23. Operate an all-terrain vehicle within the boundaries of the City of Fort St. John.

BYLAW 871

24. Operate a snowmobile or unlicensed motorcycle on any Schoolyard, Park, Playground, Street or other public property within the boundaries of the City of Fort St. John.

BYLAW 1192

**25. No person shall place or permit to be placed permanent or temporary structures, hedges or trees that will result in damage or restrict the snow clearing operations, obstruct the**

**25. cont'...operation or maintenance of utilities, regulatory signs or streetlights, and/or obstruct or impede the safety of vehicles or pedestrians using the road allowance.**

BYLAW 1736

	VIOLATION	PENALTY	IF INFORMATION SWORN
1.	Meter Violation	\$10.00	\$25.00
2.	On Sidewalk or Boulevard	\$25.00	\$35.00
3.	Blocking Driveway	\$25.00	\$35.00
4.	Blocking Lane	\$25.00	\$35.00
5.	Parked Within Intersection	\$25.00	\$35.00
6.	Fire Hydrant	\$25.00	\$35.00
7.	Parked in Crosswalk	\$25.00	\$35.00
8.	Stop Sign	\$25.00	\$35.00
9.	Exit to Business	\$25.00	\$35.00
10.	Within 49 Feet of Railway	\$25.00	\$35.00
11.	Display Signs for Sale	\$25.00	\$35.00
12.	Obstruct Traffic at Excavation	\$25.00	\$35.00
13.	Double Parked	\$25.00	\$35.00
14.	Parked on Bridge	\$25.00	\$35.00
15.	Parked Where Signs Prohibit	\$25.00	\$35.00
16.	Obstruct Sign	\$25.00	\$35.00
17.	Parked on Wrong Side	\$25.00	\$35.00
18.	Distance from Curb	\$25.00	\$35.00
19.	Length of Unit	\$50.00	\$65.00
20.	Reserve Parking	\$25.00	\$35.00
21.	Parked Over 24 Hours	\$25.00	\$35.00
22.	Truck Parked in a Residential Area	\$50.00	\$65.00
23.	Parked Within 9 Feet from Alley	\$25.00	\$35.00
24.	Obstruct Roadway	\$25.00	\$35.00
25.	Yellow Curb Zone	\$25.00	\$35.00
26.	Cycle Lanes	\$25.00	\$35.00
27.	Cycle Lanes – Traffic Control Device	\$25.00	\$35.00
28.	Overtime Parking	\$25.00	\$35.00
29.	Overtime in Parking Lot	\$25.00	\$35.00
30.	Loading Zone	\$25.00	\$35.00
31.	Parked in Taxi Zone	\$25.00	\$35.00
32.	Park in Bus Stop Zone	\$25.00	\$35.00
33.	Park in Disabled Zone	\$50.00	\$65.00
34.	2 Meter Space	\$10.00	\$25.00
35.	Illegal (over 60 minutes)	\$10.00	\$25.00



- theatre, public meeting place, fire hall or playground or off-street parking area, or intersection.
- RAILWAY 9. Within 15m. (approximately 49') of the nearest rail of a railway crossing.
- SALES 10. Upon any highway for the principal purpose of;  
(a) displaying a vehicle for sale,  
(b) advertising, greasing, painting, wrecking, storing or repairing any vehicle, except where repairs are necessitated by an emergency,  
(c) displaying signs,  
(d) selling flowers, fruit, vegetables, seafoods, or other commodities or articles.
- OBSTRUCTION 11. Alongside or opposite a street excavation or obstruction when stopping, standing, or parking obstructs traffic.
- DOUBLE PARKING 12. On the roadway side of a vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a roadway.
- BRIDGE 13. Upon a bridge except as permitted by any applicable traffic control device.
- SIGN 14. In any place in contravention of a traffic control device that gives notice that stopping, standing, or parking is prohibited or restricted in such place.
- SIGN 15. In such a manner as to obstruct the visibility of any standard traffic control device erected by or with the authority of the Municipal Engineer.
- WRONG SIDE 16. Upon a two-way roadway other than the right side of the roadway and with the right hand wheels parallel to that side.
- DISTANCE 17. On a roadway more than 30cm. (approximately 11") from the curb of such roadway if a curb has been constructed.
- ANGLE PARKING 18. In a designated angle parking zone where the length of such vehicle and any trailer attached thereto exceeds 6m. (approximately 19').
- RESERVE 19. On any highway in a space adjacent to any Federal, Provincial, or Municipal public building designated as being reserved for

the use of Officials unless the operator is such Official.

24 HOURS

20. On any highway, except a turnout exceeding twenty-four (24 metres) in width for a continuous period exceeding twenty-four (24) hours without first obtaining the written permission of the Municipal Engineer.

BYLAW 911

TRUCKS

21. On any highway, or on private property in a residential area, a vehicle having a gross vehicle weight in excess of 5,600 kg.

LANE

22. Within 3m (approximately 9') of the entrance or exit of a lane.

OBSTRUCT

23. Upon a roadway in such a manner as to obstruct the free passage of traffic on the roadway.

24. Upon any portion of the highway where traffic control devices consisting of lines are painted upon the surface of the highway to designate parking areas, except within such designated space or area.

CYCLE

25. On a portion of a highway that has been improved by the City for the purpose of cycle parking between such cycle parking and the roadway.

26. Upon a portion of a highway that has been improved and designated by traffic control devices for the travel of cycles.

OVERTIME PARKING

27. On any highway where traffic control devices indicate the length of time allowed for parking, in contravention of the length of time indicated on the applicable traffic control device.

PARKING LOTS

28. On any public parking lot operated by the City of Fort St. John where traffic control devices indicate the length of time allowed for parking, in contravention of the length of time indicated on the applicable traffic control device.

LOADING ZONE

29. In a loading zone as designated by an applicable traffic control device unless actively engaged in the loading or unloading of a vehicle.

SCHOOL GROUND  
SCHOOL GROUND cont'...

30. On a highway abutting a primary, elementary, or junior secondary school ground or neighbourhood tot lot from 8:00am to 5:00 pm unless such school ground or tot lot is separated from the highway by a fence.

BYLAW 1478

31.(a) No parking be allowed between the hours of 11:00pm and 6:00am, 7 days a week, from May 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>, on the following streets and/or roads:

- Alaska Highway frontage road from the intersection of 86<sup>th</sup> street to the east corner of the property described as Lot A, Plan 11735.

BYLAW 871

32. On a portion of a highway that has been designated as a taxi zone.

BYLAW 1183

33. In a space designated as Disabled Parking.

34. In an area controlled by parking meters in such a manner as to occupy two metered spaces without activating both affected meters.

35. In a parking space provided with a parking meter for more than 60 minutes.

**BYLAW 1215**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. under Division 38 of the Motor Vehicle Act Regulations (BC Reg. 26/58) a municipality or an organization designated by a municipality may issue or cancel a disabled person's parking permit;**
- B. under Section 120(1)(c) of the Motor Vehicle Act, R.S.B.C 1979, c.288, Council may by by-law provide for the regulation, control or prohibition of the stopping, standing or parking of vehicles in the municipality, except on an arterial highway as defined in the Highway Act, R.S.B.C 1979, c.167 unless approved by the Minister of Transportation and Highways;**
- C. under Section 120(1)(a) of the Motor Vehicle Act Council may by by-law provide for the placing or erection of traffic control devices to give effect to the Motor Vehicle Act;**
- D. under Section 120(1)(f) of the Motor Vehicle Act Council may by by-law provide for the removal, detention or impounding of vehicles unlawfully occupying a portion of a highway or public place, for a scale of fees, costs and expenses for that purpose and for the recovery of the fees, costs and expenses from the owner or by sale of the vehicle at public auction or by action in a court of competent jurisdiction;**

- E. under Section 120(2)(a) and (b) of the Motor Vehicle Act Council may by by-law authorize an officer or employee of the municipality to make orders in respect of matters comprised in a by-law adopted under Section 120 (1), and authorize that officer or employee to rescind, revoke, amend or vary an order made by him;**
- F. under Section 964 of the Municipal Act, R.S.B.C. 1979, c.290, Council may by by-law require owners or occupiers of a building or structure to provide off-street parking and loading spaces for the building or structure, including spaces for use by disabled persons;**
- G. under Section 287 of the Municipal Act, Council, in addition to powers specifically allotted to it, has the power to do anything incidental or conducive to the exercise of an allotted power;**

**NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Fort St. John, in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:**

## **Part 2 – INTERPRETATION**

### **2.1 In this Bylaw**

**“Municipality” means the City of Fort St. John;**

**“Council” means the Council of the Municipality;**

**“Organization” means Social Planning & Research Council of BC (S.P.A.R.C.);**

**“Official” means those persons appointed by Council as the Bylaw Enforcement Officer of the City of Fort St. John and those persons or positions designated by bylaw or resolution pursuant to Section 1.1 of the Municipal Act to act in place of the Bylaw Enforcement Officer;**

**“Clerk” means the person appointed by Council as Clerk and every person or position designated by bylaw or resolution pursuant to Section 1.1 of the Municipal Act to act in the place of the Clerk;**

**“Disabled Person” means a person whose mobility is limited as a result of a permanent or temporary disability that makes it impossible or difficult to walk;**

**“Disabled Zone” means a parking zone identified by the disabled parking sign referred to in Schedule 2 of Division 23 of the Regulations;**

**“Highway” means every highway within the meaning of the Highway Act, and every road, street, lane or right of way designed or intended for or used by the general public for the passage of vehicles, and every place or passageway to which the public, for the purpose of the parking or servicing of vehicles has access or is invited;**

**“Motor Vehicle” means a device, other than a device designed to be moved by human power or used exclusively on stationary rails or track, on or by which a**

**person or thing is or may be transported or drawn on a highway, which device is designed to be self-propelled;**

**“Permit” means a disabled person’s parking permit issued under Division 38 of the Regulations;**

**“Public Place” includes any place to which the public have access as of right or by invitation, expressed or implied, including any building or convenience to which the public has, or is permitted to have, access, and any highway, street or lane.**

**“Regulations” means the Motor Vehicle Act Regulations, BC Reg. 26/58;**

### **Part 3 – PARKING ON HIGHWAYS OR PUBLIC PLACES**

**3.1 The Bylaw Enforcement Officer is hereby authorized to:**

- (a) make orders in respect of the designation and identification of areas or parking spaces on a highway or public place as parking zones for disabled persons by the placement of disabled parking signs as set out in Division 23 of the Regulations and such parking zones shall be deemed to be “disabled zones”, provided that the orders are filed with the Clerk for the convenience of the public; and**
- (b) rescind, revoke, amend and vary an order made by him, provided the rescinded, revoked or amended or varied order is filed with the Clerk.**

### **Part 4 – PARKING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY**

**4.1 Every person who obtains a building permit under Building Bylaw No. 1020, 1985 shall provide parking spaces for disabled person as per the BC Building Code Section 3.7.3.4(1);**

**and every subsequent owner or occupier of the parcel shall maintain the required disabled persons’ parking spaces.**

**4.2 The parking spaces for disabled persons required under Section 4.1 shall be located as near as practicable to the building entrance designed to service disabled persons.**

**4.3 Every person required to provide a disabled persons’ parking space under Section 4.1 shall identify such space with the disabled parking sign as set out in Division 23 of the Regulations and such space shall be deemed to be a “disabled zone”.**

### **Part 5 – PERMITS**

**5.1 An application for a permit shall be made by or on behalf of a disabled person to the Social Planning & Research Council of BC (S.P.A.R.C.)**

**5.2 Council hereby designates the Social Planning & Research Council of BC (S.P.A.R.C.) as responsible for issuing and cancelling permits pursuant to Division 38 of the Regulations.**



**5.3 Council hereby designates the Social Planning & Research Council of BC (S.P.A.R.C.) as responsible for determining all matters pertaining to the issuance and cancellation of permits under Division 38 of the Regulations, including without limitation the**

- (a) criteria for establishing that a person qualifies as a disabled person;**
- (b) form of the application for a permit;**
- (c) information required to be submitted on or with the application for a permit;**
- (d) duration of a permanent, temporary or substitute permit.**

#### **Part 6 – TOWING**

**6.1 The Municipality, its servants, employees or agents may remove, detain or impound a motor vehicle unlawfully occupying a disabled zone on a highway or public place.**

**6.2 The Bylaw Enforcement Officer is hereby authorized to:**

- (a) make orders in respect of the scale of fees, costs and expenses which may be recovered from an owner of a motor vehicle removed, detained or impounded under Section 6.1, provided the orders are filed with the Clerk for the convenience of the public; and**
- (b) rescind, revoke, amend or vary an order provided the rescinded, revoked, amended or varied order is filed with the Clerk.**

**6.3 All fees, costs and expenses incurred by the Municipality for the removal, detention or impounding of a motor vehicle under Section 6.1 shall be paid by the owner of the motor vehicle to the Municipality.**

**6.4 Where the owner of a motor vehicle removed, detained or impounded under Section 6.1 has defaulted in paying the fees, costs and expenses incurred by the Municipality, the Municipality may sell the motor vehicle at a public auction or initiate an action in a court of competent jurisdiction to recover the fees, costs and expenses provided that**

- (a) the Municipality has delivered to the owner a notice that the fees, costs and expenses will be recovered by way of public auction or court action;**
- (b) the owner of the motor vehicle has not paid such sums to the Municipality within thirty (30) days of the delivery of the notice; and**
- (c) the thirty (30) days have expired.**

#### **Part 7 – OFFENCE**

**7.1 Every person who contravenes a provision of this bylaw commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$2,000.00 and the cost of prosecution.**

## **Part 8 – SEVERABILITY**

- 8.1 If a section, subsection or clause in this bylaw is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then that invalid portion shall be severed and the remainder of this Bylaw shall be deemed to have been adopted without the invalid and severed section, subsection or clause.**

### B. EXCEPTIONS

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsections 27 and 28, of this Section, a person holding a permit issued pursuant to the provisions hereof shall not be subject to the penalties provided for the breach of those Subsections so long as that permit remains valid and subsisting.
  - (a) The Municipal Engineer may issue a permit to a licensed commercial vehicle the operator of which has complied with the provisions hereof but such exemption shall only be in force so long as the permit for such remains valid.
  - (c) Applications for the exemption permits shall be made to the Office of the Municipal Engineer and the Municipal Engineer is hereby authorized to order the issuance of permits made in compliance with this Subsection.
  - (d) An application for permit shall include a deposit in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) plus Two Dollars (\$2.00) per day for time during which the permit is requested.
  - (e) The permit shall specify the locations at which the permit shall be in effect and if applicable the building permit number held by the applicant.
  - (f) The permit holder shall be issued with a sign indicating the exemption herein granted. Such sign shall be placed by the Permittee at the roadway side of his parked vehicle and a copy of the written permit shall be displayed in the front window of the vehicle. The sign issued by the Municipal Engineer shall be the permit.

- (g) Should the Permittee fail to return the permit sign, the deposit shall be forfeited otherwise the deposit shall be returned to the Permittee upon return of the permit sign.
  - (h) The permit shall be rendered void at the end of the period of the permit without further action by the Municipal Engineer.
  - (i) The permit may be revoked by the Municipal Engineer upon notice to the Permittee and the refund to the Permittee of any prepaid monies outstanding and the deposit if the permit sign is returned, should the Permittee use the Permit in contravention of any terms of the Permit.
3. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection 28 of this Section a person holding a permit issued pursuant to the provisions hereof shall not be subject to the penalties provided for the breach of that subsection so long as that permit remains valid and subsisting.
- (a) The Municipal Clerk may issue a permit to any person prepaying to the City an hourly or monthly parking fee either by use of a mechanical device or otherwise.
  - (b) The parking fee shall be the amount designated by the Council as the applicable parking fee for the particular parking area for which the permit is issued.
  - (c) The printed permit shall be displayed by the Permittee on the dashboard on the inside of the windshield of his vehicle and should the permit not be so displayed or should the permit have expired the vehicle shall be deemed to be parked without a permit.
  - (d) The permit shall specify the parking area for which the permit is issued and shall be valid only for the parking area so designated and only for the period of time as provided for in the permit.

BYLAW 871

SECTION 3, ENFORCEMENT  
PART III

9. ESTABLISHMENT OF PARKING METERS

(a) Council may, by resolution, cause meter zones to be established within the City. Parking within these zones shall be regulated by such meters between hours specified upon each and every parking meter of every day except Sundays and Public Holidays, or such other days as may be specified thereon.

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**(b) Meters shall be capable of being operated either automatically or mechanically upon the deposit therein of a (\$0.25) coin or Canadian or American currency for a period of one-half hour or (\$0.50) for 1 hour either 1 or 2 hours depending on the type of meter installed at a particular location. This fee implementation will take place by May 1, 2005.**

(c) Each parking meter shall be so designed, constructed, installed, and set, that upon the expiration of the time period registered by the deposit of one or more coins as provided herein, it will indicate by an appropriate signal that the lawful parking meter period has expired. During said period of time, and prior to the expiration thereof the meter will indicate the interval of time which remains of such period.

(d) Each parking meter shall bear thereon a legend indicating the days and hours when the requirement to deposit coins therein shall apply, the value of the coins to be deposited, and the limited period of time for which parking is lawfully permitted in the parking meter zone in which such meter is located.

(e) No person shall park a vehicle on any such designated parking meter space during the restricted and regulated time applicable to the parking meter zone in which such meter is located, so that any part of such vehicle occupies more than one such space or protrudes beyond the markings designated for such space, except that a vehicle which is of a size too large to be parked within a single designated parking meter zone, may be permitted to occupy two adjoining parking meter spaces, when not in violation of traffic control devices to the contrary, when coins shall have been deposited in the parking meter for each space so occupied as is required in this By-Law for the parking of other vehicles in such space.

10. DEPOSIT OF COINS AND TIME LIMITS

(a) No person shall park a vehicle in any space governed by a parking meter during the restricted and regulated time applicable to the parking meter zone in which such meter is located, unless a coin or coins of Canadian or United States currency of the appropriate denomination provided in this By-

Law shall have been deposited therein and the meter in question has been placed in operation.

- (b) No person shall permit a vehicle within his control to be parked in any such parking meter space during the restricted and regulated time applicable to the parking meter zone in which such meter is located while that parking meter for such space indicates by signal that the lawful parking time in such space has expired. (This provision shall not apply to the immediate act of parking for the actual necessary time required to deposit, immediately thereafter, a coin or coins in such meter.)
- (c) The provisions of this section shall not relieve any person from the duty to observe other and more restrictive provisions of this By-Law and the "Motor Vehicle Act", prohibiting or limiting stopping, standing, or parking of vehicles in specified places or at specified times.

#### 11. USE OF SLUGS PROHIBITED

No person shall deposit or attempt to deposit in any parking meter, any slug, button, or any other device or substance as substitutes for coins of Canadian or United States currency.

#### 12. TAMPERING WITH METER

No person shall unlawfully deface, injure, tamper with, open or wilfully, break, destroy or impair the usefulness of any parking meter.

#### 13. ENFORCEMENT

- 1. It shall be the duty of the By-Law Enforcement Officer of the City of Fort St. John, his designate, or a Peace Officer, to report:
  - (a) The number and location of each parking meter, which indicates the vehicle occupying the parking space adjacent to such parking meter is, or has been parking, in violation of any of the provisions of this By-Law.
  - (b) The license number and any other identifying features of the said vehicle.
  - (c) The date, day and hour during which such vehicle is parking in violation of the provisions of this By-Law.
- 2.
  - (a) The By-Law Enforcement Officer or his designate, shall attach or affix upon the said vehicle a traffic ticket in a form similar to that shown on Schedule "A" of this By-Law, indicating that the owner or operator of the vehicle has violated the provisions of this By-Law and the appropriate voluntary penalty applicable to the offence.

- (b) A person to whom a traffic ticket is delivered or on whose motor vehicle traffic ticket has been attached or affixed, may pay the pecuniary penalty prescribed, which, if paid within 3 days of the date of issue, will be accepted in lieu of prosecution.
- (c) If such pecuniary penalty remains unpaid within three days, the penalties prescribed in column 2 of Schedule "B" will be accepted in lieu of prosecution, if paid within 14 days of the date of issue of the traffic ticket.

#### 14. EXEMPTIONS

The provisions of Section 3, Part II A, Subsection 27 (Overtime parking) and Section 3, Part III, 10 (b) (meters) shall not apply to:

- 1. Marked government vehicles;
- 2. Vehicles of a public utility company while the operators of such vehicles are actually engaged in repair work of the appropriate utility.

15. The provisions of Section 3, Part III, 10 (b) (meters) shall not apply to marked vehicles operated by employees of School District No. 60.

#### 16. COLLECTION AND APPLICATION OF METER PROCEEDS

- 1. The coins required to be deposited in parking meters as provided in this By-Law, are the property of the City, and are levied and assessed as fees to cover the regulations and control of parking upon public streets; the costs of parking meters, the installation, inspection, supervision, operation, repair, maintenance, control and use of parking spaces and regulating the parking of vehicles in parking meter zones; and the costs of acquiring, establishing, improving, maintaining and operating public off-street parking facilities.
- 2. Coins deposited in parking meters shall be collected by the duly authorized agents of the City Treasurer, who shall make such rules and regulations as he may deem fit for the proper and safe collection and accounting of such fees.

#### 17. SCHEDULES

- a) Schedule "A" forming part of this By-Law shall designate the form of parking tickets to be used.
- b) Schedule "B", attached to and forming part of this By-Law, establishes pecuniary penalties prescribed for offences in this By-Law.

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TRAFFIC VIOLATION  
 TICKET STUB  
 Fort St. John, B.C.

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DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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TIME \_\_\_\_\_ M

LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_

LIC. NO. \_\_\_\_\_ PROV. \_\_\_\_\_

VEHICLE \_\_\_\_\_

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- Meter Violation
- Illegal Parking
- Fire Hydrant / Lane
- On Sidewalk / Boulevard
- In Loading Zone
- Yellow Curb Zone
- Taxi Zone
- Blocking Driveway
- Parked Wrong Side
- Where Signs Prohibit
- Disabled Zone
- Crosswalk
- Over 30 cm from Curb
- Parked over 24 hrs.
- Truck in Res. Area
- Blocking Alley
- Two Meter Spaces
- Truck off Truck Rte.
- Bus Stop

Other Violation \_\_\_\_\_

Issued by \_\_\_\_\_

PENALTY: \$10.00 \$20.00 \$25.00 \$50.00 \$100.00

You may avoid prosecution by paying the penalty as marked above at City Hall, or by money order or cheque mailed to The City Of Fort St. John 10631 - 100 Street, Fort St. John, B.C. V1J 3Z5 Phone: (250) 787-8150

**THIS TAG MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR REMITTANCE.**

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TRAFFIC VIOLATION  
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VEHICLE \_\_\_\_\_

You Are Charged with the Violation Checked Below

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Illegal Parking         | <input type="checkbox"/> Crosswalk            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Hydrant / Lane     | <input type="checkbox"/> Over 30 cm from Curb |
| <input type="checkbox"/> On Sidewalk / Boulevard | <input type="checkbox"/> Parked over 24 hrs.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In Loading Zone         | <input type="checkbox"/> Truck in Res. Area   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Curb Zone        | <input type="checkbox"/> Blocking Alley       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Taxi Zone               | <input type="checkbox"/> Two Meter Spaces     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blocking Driveway       | <input type="checkbox"/> Truck off Truck Rte. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parked Wrong Side       | <input type="checkbox"/> Bus Stop             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Where Signs Prohibit    |   |

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18. REPEAL

Fort St. John Traffic By-Law No's. 81 (1957), 192 (1963), 197 (1964), 288 (1966), 331 (1968), 385 (1970), 532 (1975), 561 (1976), 647 (1977), 692 (1978) and all amendments thereto are hereby repealed in their entirety.

SECTION 4, PENALTIES

BYLAW 883	VIOLATION	A. Any person who operates a motor vehicle, or who, being the owner or operator of a motor vehicle, permits it to stand or be parked in contravention of a traffic control device or signal is liable on summary conviction to a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) and not less than Twenty Five Dollars (\$25.00).
	PENALTY	B. Except as otherwise provided in this By-Law, every person who violates any of the provisions of this By-Law or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention of this By-Law, or who refuses, or omits, or neglects to fulfill, observe, carry-out or perform any duty or obligation imposed by this By-Law is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) and not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00).
	DEFAULT	C. Wherein this By-Law any matter or thing is required to be done by any person in default of it being done by such person, such matter or thing shall be done at the expense of the person in default and the expense thereof may be recovered with interest at the rate of eleven percent (11%) per annum, with costs in like manner as municipal taxes.
	INSPECTION	D. Any Peace Officer, the Municipal Engineer or employee of the Municipal Engineering Department may enter, at all reasonable times, upon any property subject to the regulations of this By-Law, in order to ascertain whether such regulations or directions are being obeyed.

SECTION 5, REMOVAL OF VEHICLES AND CHATTELS

BYLAW 773	1. Where any vehicle is unlawfully occupying any portion of a highway or public place a Peace Officer or a person authorized by the Municipal Engineer, Municipal Manager, or the Municipal Fire Chief may:
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- (a) Move the vehicle, or require the driver or person in charge of the vehicle to move it, to a position determined by the Peace Officer or authorized person; or
  - (b) Move the vehicle or take the vehicle into his custody and cause it to be taken to and stored in a safe and otherwise suitable place.
2. Any chattel or obstruction unlawfully occupying any portion of a highway or public place may be removed, detained or impounded by any person authorized to do so by the Municipal Engineer or a Peace Officer.

3.(a) Any chattel, obstruction or vehicle removed, detained, or impounded may be recovered by the owner between the hours of 9:00am and 5:00pm Monday through Friday, except holidays, by paying the fees, costs and expenses set out herein at the Office of the Treasurer at the City Hall and presenting the Receipt obtained plus proof of ownership at the City Yard of such place of storage of the City or by paying the contractor for the City at his place of business.

(b) If a motor vehicle is removed, detained or impounded written notice shall be given to the registered owner at his address as shown on the records of the Registrar of Motor Vehicles advising him of the seizure, the sum payable to release the vehicle and the date of advertising for sale by public auction if unclaimed.

BYLAW 773

(c) The following fees, costs and expenses shall be paid by the owner and the chattel, obstruction or vehicle removed, detained or impounded;

(i) removal of any vehicle up to and including 10,900 kg (approximately 24,030 lbs) truck to storage.....\$15.00

(ii) removal of any vehicle larger than 10,900 kg (approximately 24,030 lbs) including semi-trailer units.....\$25.00

(iii) storage of any vehicle up to 10,900 kg (approximately 24,030 lbs) truck size in contractor's compound per day.....\$ 5.00

(iv) removal of any abandoned vehicle or trailer up to 8m (approximately 26') in length to the City Vehicle pound or S.A.M..\$15.00

(v) extra cost of dolly tow for any vehicle in Items (i) or (iv) above .....\$10.00

(vi) for any chattel weighing under 45 kg (approximately 99 lbs) and less than 1m (approximately 3') in any one dimension, a storage; fee per day.....\$ 0.25  
minimum charge.....\$ 2.00

(vii) for any chattel weighing over 45 kg (approximately 99 lbs) or having a dimension exceeding 1m (vii) cont'... (approximately 3') the actual cost of removal of the chattel, plus a storage fee per day, or any part thereof.....\$ 1.00

(viii) for any obstruction, the total cost of removal of the obstruction plus the cost of disposing of the obstruction, plus a fee of.....\$ 5.00

(c) or such other fees as may be charged by any contractor of the City engaged by the City to tow and store a vehicle.

(d) Where a motor-cycle or trailer is left, without the consent of the occupier, on private property in a municipality or for a period exceeding 72 hours on private property other than in a Municipality. The owner of the motor-vehicle or trailer shall be deemed to have authorized and empowered the occupier to be his agent for the purpose of towing the motor-vehicle to a place of storage and or storing it.

4.(a) Any vehicle, chattel or obstruction not claimed by its owner within thirty (30) days of its' impounding or detention may be sold at public auction which auction shall be

- 4.(a) cont'...advertised at least three consecutive weekly times in newspapers circulating in the City.
- (b) The proceeds of such auction sale shall be applied firstly to the cost of the sale, secondly to the fees, costs and expenses of the City or its contractors as set out above and thirdly the balance, if any, shall be held by the City for one (1) year from the date of sale for the owner. If unclaimed at the end of the year such sum shall be paid into the General Revenue of the City.
- 5. Notwithstanding the preceding provisions where any garbage, rubbish, abandoned or unlicensed motor vehicle with an apparent market value of less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) are left on any highway, such articles may be removed and disposed of by the City of Fort St. John, at the expense of the owner.

BYLAW 916

SNOW AND  
RUBBISH  
REMOVAL

- 6.(a) Owners or occupiers of real property in zones designated by By-Law as C-2, Central Business District, shall remove snow, ice or rubbish from the sidewalk and footpaths bordering on the real property owned or occupied by them within 24 hours of the accumulation of such snow, ice or rubbish on such sidewalks.
- (b) Owners or occupiers of real property shall remove snow, ice, or rubbish from the roof or other part of any structure thereon adjacent to or abutting on any portion of any highway immediately if such constitutes a danger to persons using the highway by being so located as to impose the threat of falling upon the Highway.
- (c) The Municipal Engineer shall be Highway for snow removal once proper notification has been made through radio or newspaper.

SECTION 6, EXTRAORDINARY TRAFFIC

- 1. In this Section:

“EXTRAORDINARY TRAFFIC” includes any carriage of goods or persons over a highway, at either one or more times, and whether in vehicles drawn by animal power or propelled by some other means, that, taken in conjunction with the nature of existing conditions. If the highway is so extra-ordinary or improper in the quality

or quantity of the goods or the number of persons carried, or in the mode or time of use of the highway, or in the speed at which the vehicles are driven or operated, as, in the opinion of the Municipal Engineer, substantially, to alter or increase the burden imposed on the highway through its proper use by ordinary traffic, and to cause damage and expense in respect of the highway beyond what is reasonable or ordinary.

2. Where in the opinion of the Engineer, any highway is liable to damage through extraordinary traffic thereon, he may regulate, limit, or prohibit the use of the highway by any person operating or in charge of the extraordinary traffic, or owning the goods carried thereby or the vehicles used therein.
3. Every person driving on or using the highway in contravention of a regulation, limitation, or prohibition made under Subsection 2 is guilty of an offence against this By-Law, and is liable on summary conviction, to a fine of not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) and not more than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00).
4. Any person to whom this Section might otherwise apply may, with the approval of the Engineer, enter into an agreement for the payment to the Municipality, of compensation in respect of the damage or expense which may, in the opinion of the Engineer, be caused by the extraordinary traffic, and thereupon that person shall not in respect of that traffic be subject to any prohibition or penalty prescribed in this Section.
5. The Engineer may close to traffic or use of any highway at such time and for such period of time and in respect of such classes or traffic or use as in his opinion may be necessary for construction or protection of any highway or other public work or for the protection of persons using the highway or to enable permitted traffic to be handled safely and expeditiously.
6. Any vehicle hauling loads in excess of the Gross Vehicle Weight shall be subject to a fine of not less than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) and not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) and the cost of any damage to the highways concerned.
7. This Section does not apply to arterial highways.

#### SECTION 7, NOISE

No person shall:

1. Operate a motor vehicle which causes a sound exceeding that prescribed in any Federal or Provincial Statute.
2. Operate a motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight in excess of 2800 kg (approximately 6,172.3 lbs.) upon a highway which makes or causes sound, in excess of 85 DBA's in a 50 km/h (approximately 31 mph) zone or 92 DBA's in a zone permitting a speed in excess of 50 km/h (approximately 31 mph).
3. Operate a motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of 2800 kg (approximately 6,172.3 lbs) or less upon a highway which makes or causes sound in excess of 80 DBA's in a 50 km/h (approximately 31 mph) in a zone permitting speed in excess of 50 km/h (approximately 31 mph).



4. Operate a motorcycle on a highway which along or together with another motorcycle causes sound in excess of 80 DBA's in a 50 km/h (approximately 31 mph) zone or 85 DBA's in a zone permitting speed in excess of 50 km/h (approximately 31 mph).
5. Operate a vehicle the maximum noise level of which recorded while the vehicle is stationary exceeds:
  - (i) cars and pick-up trucks at 2500 rpm maximum 83 DBA's
  - (ii) motorcycles (all makes and sizes at 2500 rpm maximum 91 rpm)
  - (iii) diesel trucks at 1200 rpm maximum 93 DBA's
  - (iv) gasoline operated trucks at 2500 rpm maximum 88 DBA's
  - (v) No person shall start, drive, turn, or stop any motor vehicle, or accelerate the vehicle engine while the vehicle is stationary, in a manner which causes any loud and unnecessary noise in or from the engine, exhaust system, or the braking system, or from the contact of the tires with the roadway.

### BYLAW 773

6. Everyone who makes or, causes incessant noises or sounds in or on a highway or elsewhere in the Municipality which disturb, or tend to disturb, the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort or convenience of the neighbourhood, or of persons in the vicinity, shall upon warning from any peace officer cease making or causing such noises or sounds forthwith, or shall be deemed to have contravened the provisions of this By-Law.
  - (a) Any person who shall violate Section 7 subsection 6 of this By-Law through use of any manner of motorized vehicle or machine shall be liable to have said motorized vehicle or machine impounded for the following terms:

First Offence	30 Days
Every Subsequent Offence – Additional	30 Days
  - (b) The impoundment fee payable on recovery of said motorized vehicle shall be two (\$2.00) dollars per day plus such other fees as may be charged by any contractor of the Municipality engaged by the Municipality to tow and/or store such motorized vehicle.

### SECTION 8, SAFETY EQUIPMENT

1. The Municipal Engineer may, by public notice, or by the placing of signs, prohibit vehicles which are not equipped with chains, or winter tires, or sanding devices, or any combination of these which the Engineer may consider adequate and necessary in view of prevailing road conditions from being driven or operated on a highway.
2. This section does not apply to arterial highways.

### SECTION 9, USES REQUIRING MUNICIPAL ENGINEER'S PERMISSION

This section does not apply to arterial highways.

Except as authorized by a permit issued by the Municipal Engineer pursuant to Section 10 of this By-Law, no person shall:

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| EXCAVATIONS<br>CUTTING<br>TIMBER | 1. Dig up, break up or remove any part of a highway, cut down or remove trees or timber growing on a highway, or excavate in or under a highway.   |
| DAMAGE TO<br>BOULEVARDS          | 2. Cause damage to, cut down or remove trees, grass, shrubs, plants, bushes and hedges, fences, signs, or other things erected by the Municipality on a Highway.   |
| STOPPING<br>WATER                | 3. Change the level of a highway whatsoever, or stop the flow of water through any drain, sewer or culvert on or through a highway.  |
| STRUCTURES                       | 4. Place, construct, or maintain a loading platform, skids, rails, mechanical devices, buildings, signs or any other structure, or thing on a highway.   |
| EFFLUENT FROM<br>DRAIN           | 5. Construct or maintain ditch, sewer or drain, the effluent from which causes damage, fouling nuisance or injury to any portion of a highway.   |
| DEFACING                         | 6. Mark or imprint or deface in any manner whatsoever a highway or structure thereon.  |
| SIGNS                            | 7. Erect or maintain any sign, advertisement, or guide-post on or over any highway or alter, repaint, tear down or remove any sign, advertisement, or guidepost erected or maintained on any highway.  |
| BOULEVARD CROSSING               | 8. Ride, drive, lead, move or propel any vehicle or animal in excess of 186 kg (approximately 4,100 lbs) over or across a boulevard including any curb, sidewalk, or ditch unless such has been constructed or improved to form a suitable crossing.<br><br>9. Construct a boulevard crossing, including a curb, ditch or sidewalk crossing. |

SECTION 10, CONDITIONS OF ENGINEER'S PERMISSION

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| PERMIT FEE | 1. The Municipal Engineer may issue a permit in the form prescribed in Schedule "A" to this By-Law to do those things otherwise prohibited by Section 9 |
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PERMIT FEE cont...

of this By-Law subject to payment of the application fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00) or such other fee as may be specified in the Schedules and subject to such other conditions contained in this Section, or in Schedule "B" as may be applicable.

2. As a prerequisite to the issuance of a permit under this Section, the applicant shall, if required by the Municipal Engineer, deposit with the City, a sum of money, or irrevocable letter of Credit from a Chartered Bank of Canada if the amount is greater than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), sufficient to pay for the cost of repairing any damage likely to be done to the highway, and as sufficient security that the obligations imposed by the permit are fulfilled within the time specified by the permit and where applicable one years maintenance.

REFUND LESS  
INSPECTION FEE

3. Where a deposit has been made in accordance with the Section, and upon satisfactory completion of the work within the time specified the deposit shall be refunded to the applicant less an inspection fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00) where applicable.

DEFAULT

4. Failure by the permit holder to repair damage and/or fulfill such obligations as are set out in the permit within the specified time, shall enable the City to carryout the repair or fulfill the obligations that have not been met under the terms and conditions of the permit and to deduct the cost thereof from the monies on deposit or to call on the Irrevocable Letter of Credit and to pay the costs from there and should there be an insufficiency of monies on deposit or through the Letter of Credit from the Permittee shall pay the balance forthwith upon invoice of the City or should there be a surplus of funds over and above that required by the City to carry out the works or fulfill the obligation such balance shall be paid to the Permittee less an administration charge of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00).

PLANS

5. The applicant shall provide, in triplicate, satisfactory plans and/or specifications

- PLANS cont'... of the work to be undertaken and when such are supplied and approved by the Engineer and the necessary permit issued the work shall conform in every way to the plans and specifications so provided.
- WARNING 6. Any person doing work on or in any highway shall provide and place appropriate barricades, lights, signs, and other safety devices as are required to protect the public.
- INSURANCE 7. The applicant shall provide evidence satisfactory to the Municipal Engineer that he is insured against all claims for damages for personal injury and property damage which may arise out of the performance of the work covered by the permit in an amount not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for each occurrence and if deemed necessary by the Municipal Engineer the City shall be added to the policy as a co-insured.
- MATERIALS 8. The applicant shall provide evidence satisfactory to the Municipal Engineer that all materials, labour, and equipment which are needed to complete the work with reasonable dispatch are available.
- AS-BUILT 9. The applicant shall provide the Municipal Engineer following completion of the works, with a plan showing the works installed by the applicant if works are installed by the applicant, and such plan shall be drawn to a scale satisfactory to the Engineering showing the location, size and description of the works and date of installation. The plan shall be supplied prior to the return or refund of any deposit or security posted as a condition of the permission.
- UTILITY COMPANIES AND DISTRICTS 10. The Engineer may issue a permit to a company regulated under the Energy Act or the Water Act permitting such company, over the calendar year for which the permit is applicable, to carry out such work as may be necessary in the case of an emergency to repair any break or damage to the utilities under their control and subject

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to the terms of any franchise or other  
agreement entered into between such  
Utility and the City of Fort St. John.

SECTION 11, TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

1. The provisions of this Section do not apply to arterial highways.
2. The Engineer is hereby authorized to order the placing or erection of applicable traffic control devices at such places as he shall designate in order to give effect to the provisions of this By-Law and the Motor Vehicle Act.

Such traffic control devices shall include all signs contained in BC Reg. 343/77 as amended from time to time and without limiting the generality of the foregoing shall also include:

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| SIDEWALKS         | (a) Signs to regulate, control or prohibit pedestrian traffic, ridden or herded animals, vehicular traffic, and cycle traffic on sidewalks, bridges, walkways, or boulevards or in lanes.  |
| STOP              | (b) Signs to regulate, control or prohibit the stopping of vehicles.   |
| PARKING           | (c) Signs for the regulation, control or prohibition of standing or parking of vehicles.   |
| PUBLIC BUILDINGS  | (d) Signs to set apart and allot portions of highways adjacent to Federal, Provincial Buildings for the exclusive use of Officials and Officers engaged therein for the parking of vehicles, and the regulation of such parking. |
| MEN WORKING       | (e) Signs where construction, reconstruction, widening, repair, marking, or other work is being carried out indicating that men or equipment are working upon the Highway.   |
| CONSTRUCTION ZONE | (f) Signs where construction, reconstruction, widening, repair, marking, or other work is being carried out to regulate or prohibit in the vicinity of such works.   |
| PEDESTRIANS       | (g) Signs to regulate or prohibit pedestrian traffic on highways other than at crosswalks.   |
| SKATES            | (h) Signs to regulate, control or prohibit persons using roller skates, sleighs,   |

SKATES cont'...	skates, skis or other similar means of conveyance on a highway.
TURN PROHIBITION	(i) Signs at intersections and in advance of intersections where it is required to prohibit certain movements.
DO NOT ENTER	(j) Signs at the end of one-way roadways to prevent traffic entering the restricted area.
ONE WAY	(k) Signs on highways upon which the traffic is required to travel in one direction only.
TWO WAY TRAFFIC	(l) Signs at the transition from one-way to two-way roadways to indicate that normal travel is restricted to the right hand side of the roadway.
DO NOT PASS	(m) Signs at the beginning of a zone through which restricted sight distance makes overtaking and passing hazardous.
KEEP RIGHT	(n) Signs within and at the end of median strips and traffic islands.
LOADING ZONE	(o) Signs at locations where due to adjacent commercial facilities it is desirable to reserve space for loading and unloading vehicles.
TRUCK SIGNS	(p) Signs in locations where truck traffic is prohibited or restricted.
MAXIMUM WEIGHT	(q) Signs at locations where due to seasonal weakening of road surfaces, obsolescence of bridges, or pavement, or roadway repairs, loads in excess of those prescribed on the signs constitute a hazard to traffic or excessive damage to the roads.
MAXIMUM SPEED	(r) Signs at locations where due to limitations of sight distances, road surfaces, traffic flows and frequency of intersections, speeds in excess of those prescribed on the signs constitute a hazard to traffic or excessive damage to the roads.
PASSENGER ZONES	(s) Signs at locations where a bus or other transit vehicle stops to pick up passengers and it is desirable to restrict

PASSENGER ZONES cont'...	stopping, standing and parking to such vehicles.
NO STOPPING	(t) Signs at locations where free flow of traffic is required for the roadway.
SCHOOL	(u) Signs at locations where it is required to give advance information such as the presence of a school adjacent to a roadway, a school crosswalk, a school maximum speed zone.
PLAYGROUND	(v) Signs at locations where it is required to give advance information of a playground adjacent to a roadway, or its maximum speed zone.
CROSSWALK	(w) Signs or lines at locations where heavy pedestrian traffic crosses a roadway and at locations other than an intersection, such as at schools, playgrounds, and public buildings where it is required to control pedestrian traffic.
ANGLE PARKING	(x) Signs or lines in locations where it is permissible to angle park.
WARNING	(y) Signs at locations where it is required to warn traffic of hazardous conditions, either on or adjacent to the roadway or prohibit traffic from using the roadway.
TRAFFIC SIGNALS	(z) At intersections and other locations where traffic signs are not adequate to control traffic efficiently.
TAXI ZONES	(aa) Signs at locations where due to frequent use by the public it is desirable to reserve a place for taxicabs only to stop, stand or park to pick up fares.
TRUCK ROUTES	(bb) Signs on streets where the Engineer has designated truck routes for movement of truck traffic through the City.
PARKING LOT	(cc) Signs at the entrance to or upon highways where provision is made for parking of motor vehicles which provide "No Parking" unless valid and subsisting passes or tickets are displayed on the dash-board of the vehicle in full view through the front windshield thereof.

NO PASSING

- (dd) Signs at locations approaching crosswalks, school and park zones indicating that passing is prohibited.

ORDERS

3. The Engineer in the exercise of his powers granted in 2 above shall issue a written order directing that such thing be done. Such order shall be dated, be signed by the Engineer and the Clerk shall affix the corporate seal to such order and certify the same to be a true copy. A single order may contain any number of orders related to the matter set out in 2, above.

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4. The Engineer may rescind, revoke, amend or vary any order made by him provided such order does not require the doing of any Act contrary to or inconsistent with the By-Law or the Motor Vehicle Act.

TEMPORARY  
NO PARKING

5. The Engineer, the Fire Chief, the Chief of Police, or any Peace Officers may place or cause to be placed temporary "No Parking" signs or other applicable traffic control devices on a highway;
- (a) Along the route of any parade.
  - (b) In the vicinity of a large gathering or during a special circumstance.
  - (c) To facilitate the fighting of fires.
  - (d) To facilitate the clearing of snow, cleaning, repairing, excavating, decorating or other work upon a highway being carried out by the City or any other Utility.
  - (e) In the interest of Public Safety.

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6. Where traffic control devices have been authorized and placed under the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act by the Ministry of Highways and Public Works of the Province of British Columbia the same shall be deemed to have been properly placed or erected pursuant to the provisions of this Section.

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7. Traffic control devices erected pursuant to this Section shall, where applicable, comply with the sign regulations as set out in the Regulations to the Motor Vehicle Act.



SECTION 12, VEHICLE REGULATIONS

This section does not apply to arterial highways.

A. PROHIBITION:

Except as authorized by a permit issued by the Engineer pursuant to Section 10 of this By-Law, no person shall drive or operate on a highway:

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| MAXIMUM WIDTH               | 1. A passenger vehicle so loaded that any part of the load extends beyond the sides of the vehicle more than 1.829m (approximately 6') beyond the back of the vehicle.  |
| PNEUMATIC TIRES             | 2. A vehicle, other than a horse-drawn vehicle the wheels of which are not equipped with pneumatic tires in good order.   |
| SOLID TIRES                 | 3. A vehicle equipped with solid tires, the thickness of which between the rim of the wheel and surface of the highway is less than 3.175 cm (approximately 1 ¼")   |
| SPIKES                      | 4. A vehicle having wheels, or tracks constructed or equipped with projecting spikes, cleats, ribs, clamps, flanges, lugs, or other attachments or projections which extend beyond the tread or traction surface of the wheel, tread, or track but excluding tire chains of reasonable proportions when required for safety and winter studded tires between October 1 <sup>st</sup> and April 30 <sup>th</sup> . |
| SPEED SOLID TIRES           | 5. A solid rubber tired vehicle at a greater rate of speed than 20 km/h (approximately 12mph).  |
| SPEED UNLOADED POLE TRAILER | 6. An unloaded vehicle and pole-trailer at a greater speed than 60 km/h, (approximately 36 mph) unless the pole-trailer is carried on the towing vehicle.   |
| LOAD                        | 7. A vehicle unless it is so constructed and loaded as to prevent any of its load:<br><br>(a) from shifting or swaying in such a manner as to effect the operation of the vehicle; or<br><br>(b) from dropping, shifting, leaking or otherwise escaping from there, but sand may be dropped for the purpose of  |

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securing traction, and water or other substance may be sprinkled on the roadway in cleaning or maintaining the roadway.

8. A vehicle with any load unless the load and any covering thereon is securely fastened so as to prevent the covering of load from becoming loose, detached, or in any manner hazardous to other users of the highway.

## B. SIZE AND WEIGHT REGULATIONS

### 1. APPLICATION

- (a) Subsections 2 to 7 inclusive, shall apply in respect of highways in the City except arterial highways.
- (b) Subsections 2 to 7 inclusive, shall not apply to a commercial vehicle engaged in construction of, and operating within the limits of a highway construction project, as established or as posted by the Ministry of Highways and Public Works of the City.
- (c) Subsection 2 shall not apply to:
  - (i) An implement of husbandry temporarily operated upon a highway during the hours of daylight;
  - (ii) A vehicle operated by the Ministry of Highways and Public Works of the City engaged in road maintenance or snow removal.
- (d) The weight limitations imposed by this Section shall not apply to vehicles operated by the Ministry of Highways and Public Works or the City while engaged in dropping or distributing material on the highways for the purpose of improving traction, or a recreational vehicle used for recreational purposes.

### 2. SIZE AND LOAD

- (a) Dimensions of vehicle and load, non-scheduled highways:

No person shall, without a permit issued, pursuant to this By-Law, drive or operate on a non-scheduled highway:

- (i) A vehicle having a total outside width, with or without load, in excess of 2.591 metres (approximately 8'6") except that with loads of loose hay, loose straw, or loose fodder, the load may project over the side of the vehicle such distance as results in a total outside width not in excess of 3.048 metres (approximately 10'); excluding mobile homes.
- (ii) A vehicle having a height, with or without load, in excess of 4.115 metres (approximately 13'6")
- (iii) A single vehicle having an overall length, with or without load, in excess of 10.668 metres (approximately 35'), except as provided in subsections (iv) and (v);

- (iv) Subject to subsection (b), a trailer or semi-trailer the overall length of the permanent structure of which exceeds 12.192 metres (approximately 40');
  - (v) A bus the overall length of the permanent structure of which exceeds 12.192 metres (approximately 40');
  - (vi) A combination of vehicles having an overall length with or without load, in excess of 18.288 metres (approximately 60'); excluding mobile homes.
2. Provided that on scheduled highways semi-trailers with an overall length of the permanent structure of 13.716 metres (approximately 45') and a combination of vehicles having an overall length with or without load up to 19.812 metres (approximately 65') are permitted.
- (b) Clause (iv) of Subsection (a) does not apply to a semi-trailer, the overall length of the permanent structure of which does not exceed 13.716 metres (approximately 45') where the distance from the kingpin to the centre of the last axle does not exceed 11.582 metres (approximately 38')
  - (c) Notwithstanding any of the provisions of these regulations or a permit issued pursuant to these regulations, the maximum height, length, or width of a vehicle, or load allowable on a highway or portion of a highway that is expressly limited as to maximum height, length or width of a vehicle or load by a sign erected by the Engineer shall be that set out on the sign.
  - (d) Notwithstanding any other provisions of these regulations no person shall, without a permit issued, pursuant to this By-Law, drive or operate:
    - (i) on any highway, a combination of vehicles consisting of more than two (2) vehicles; but if the gross vehicle weight of a combination of vehicles exceeds 10,886 (approximately 24,000 lbs) the combination of vehicles may consist of not more than three (3) vehicles;
    - (ii) on any highway, a vehicle or combination of vehicles so loaded that the load extends more than 914.4 mm (approximately 3") beyond the front wheels thereof, or, if equipped with a front bumper, more than 914.4 mm (approximately 3") beyond such bumper;
    - (iii) on any highway, a vehicle or combination of vehicles, any part of which, or the load upon which, extends more than 4.572 metres (approximately 15') behind the centre of the last axle of the vehicle or combination of vehicles;
    - (iv) on any highway, a semi-trailer having any portion of its body or load forward of the turning axle (kingpin) projecting to a greater distance than 2.134 metres (approximately 84") radius from the centre of the turning axis;
    - (v) on any highway, a truck, truck tractor, trailer, or semi-trailer having attached thereto, a group of three (3) consecutive axles, unless one of the axles is a steering axle or an axle that is articulated in the manner of a steering axle and prevents any lateral movement between the road surface and the tires on the wheels attached to that axle when the vehicle is turning;

- (vi) on any highway, a truck, truck tractor, trailer or semi-trailer having attached thereto any group of two (2) axles the centres of which are more than 1.651 metres (approximately 5'5") apart, measured longitudinally, unless one of the axles is steering axle or an axle that is articulated in the manner of a steering axle and prevents any lateral movement between the road surface and the tires on the wheels attached to that axle when the vehicle is turning;
- (vii) clause (v) shall not apply to a trailer or semi-trailer
  - (1) having a group of three (3) or more axles the centre of which are less than 1.981 metres (approximately 42") apart, provided
  - (2) the distance from the first axle of the group to the last axle of the group does not exceed 1.829 m (approximately 6')
  - (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 9.03 the maximum gross weight that may be carried on a group of axles referred to in clause (i) and (ii) shall not exceed 13,608 kg (approximately 30,000 lbs).
- (viii) Truck with a gross weight in excess of 11,500 kg (approximately 26,300 lbs) shall be permitted on residential streets only when making a delivery of goods to a residential lot, and then only when they take the shortest route from a truck route or an arterial highway. The Municipal Engineer shall have the right to deem what is the shortest route.

### 3. WEIGHT

- (a) No person shall, without a permit issued pursuant to this Act and Regulations, drive or operate upon a highway;
  - (i) a vehicle any axle of which is carrying a gross weight in excess of 9,072 kg (approximately 20,000 lbs).
  - (ii) a vehicle loaded in such a manner that the gross weight on any wheel thereof is in excess of 6.919 kg/m (approximately 600 lb/inch) of width of tire in the case of pneumatic tires of 3.459 kg/m (approximately 300 lb/inch) of width of tire in the case of metal or solid rubber tires;
  - (iii) a vehicle or combination of vehicles having a gross weight on any group of two (2) or more consecutive axles exceeding the gross weight indicated in Schedule 2 opposite to the approximate distance between the centre of the first and last axles of that vehicle or combination of vehicles measured longitudinally to the nearest metre;
  - (iv) a vehicle or combination of vehicles carrying a gross weight on the drive axle or axles that is less than twenty percent (20%) of the gross vehicle weight of the vehicle or combination of vehicles.

DISTANCE IN METRES BETWEEN THE CENTRES OF THE FIRST AXLE AND LAST AXLE OF ANY GROUP OF AXLES OF A VEHICLE OR COMBINATION OF VEHICLES	MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE GROSS WEIGHT IN KG. ON THAT GROUP OF AXLES
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NOTE: APPROXIMATION IS GIVEN IN FEET AND POUNDS

1.219M (4')	15,890 Kg (35,000 lbs.)
1.524M (5')	16,344 Kg (36,000 lbs.)
1.829M (6')	16,798 Kg (37,000 lbs.)
2.134M (7')	17,252 Kg (38,000 lbs.)
2.438M (8')	17,706 Kg (39,000 lbs.)
2.743M (9')	18,160 Kg (40,000 lbs.)
3.048M (10')	18,614 Kg (41,000 lbs.)
3.353M (11')	19,068 Kg (42,000 lbs.)
3.658M (12')	19,522 Kg (43,000 lbs.)
3.962M (13')	19,976 Kg (44,000 lbs.)
4.276M (14')	20,430 Kg (45,000 lbs.)
4.572M (15')	20,884 Kg (46,000 lbs.)
4.877M (16')	21,228 Kg (47,000 lbs.)
5.182M (17')	21,792 Kg (48,000 lbs.)
5.486M (18')	22,246 Kg (49,000 lbs.)
5.791M (19')	22,700 Kg (50,000 lbs.)
6.096M (20')	23,154 Kg (51,000 lbs.)
6.401M (21')	23,609 Kg (52,000 lbs.)
6.706M (22')	24,062 Kg (53,000 lbs.)
7.010M (23')	24,516 Kg (54,000 lbs.)
7.315M (24')	24,970 Kg (55,000 lbs.)
7.620M (25')	25,424 Kg (56,000 lbs.)
7.925M (26')	25,878 Kg (57,000 lbs.)
8.230M (27')	26,332 Kg (58,000 lbs.)
8.534M (28')	26,786 Kg (59,000 lbs.)

- (1) For the purpose of determining the maximum allowable gross weight of a vehicle or combination of vehicles, only those axles that are within the maximum overall length authorized under this Section shall be included.

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- (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), where a vehicle or combination of vehicles is extended beyond the maximum overall length authorized under this Section for the sole purpose of accommodating an oversize or overweight load without any increase in the number of axles, the displaced axles shall be deemed to be within the maximum overall length authorized under this section.
- (3) Notwithstanding any other provisions of these regulations, the maximum licensed gross weight of a vehicle or combination of vehicles shall in no case exceed 49,896 kg (approximately 110,000 lbs.)
- (b) In these regulations, in measuring the distance between the centres of any group of axles where a fraction of a metre is exactly one-half meter, the next larger whole number shall be used.

- (c) Where a vehicle, or combination of vehicles, has a gross weight or a gross axle weight in excess of those gross weights fixed by these regulations, a Peace Officer, or any person authorized by the Engineer, may permit the driver to proceed if the amount of excess gross weight does not exceed the following:

\*NOTE: APPROXIMATION OF POUNDS IS GIVEN.

	Kg	(lbs.)
Single Axle.....	227	500
Combination of vehicles.....	908	2,000

No person shall receive permission under this subsection on a habitual or consistent basis.

- (d) REDISTRIBUTION: Where the load of a vehicle or combination of vehicles does not exceed the excess gross weight set out in subsection (3) and the load may be re-distributed upon the same vehicles and, forthwith after the weight of the vehicle under the authority of this By-Law and regulations, the load on the vehicle is re-distributed so that the limits imposed by these regulations are complied with, the requirements of this Section shall be deemed to have been complied with.
- (e) BRIDGES: Notwithstanding any of the provisions of these regulations, no person shall, without a permit issued pursuant, to this By-Law and regulations, drive or operate over a bridge, a vehicle or combination of vehicles having a gross weight on any axle or group of axles or a gross vehicle weight in excess of any load limit imposed by the Engineer on that bridge.

4. COMBINATION OF VEHICLES

- (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of these regulations, no person shall drive or operate on a highway, a combination of vehicles licensed for a gross weight in excess of 35,380.8 kg (approximately 78,000 lbs) unless:
  - (i) the towing vehicle has at least two (2) drive axles; and
  - (ii) the gross weight to gross kilowatt ratio of the towing vehicles bears a relationship of not more than 136.1 kg (approximately 300 lbs) to 1 kw but, if the gross kw of the towing vehicle exceeds 185.679 kw (approximately 249 H.P.) a ratio that is within 18.642 kw (approximately 25 HP) of the ratio required under this Section shall be deemed to be in compliance with this Section.
- (b) Clause (ii) and subsection (a) shall not apply to a towing vehicle:
  - (i) driven or operated under the authority of an overload permit;
  - (ii) equipped with a gasoline or diesel powered engine, provided the towing vehicle is not licensed in excess of 37,195.2 kg (approximately 82,000 lbs) and the engine has a net K.W. rating of at least 167.782 K.W. (approximately 225 HP) as determined by S.A.E. Standard J245.

5. PERMIT

- (a) The Engineer by the issuance of a written permit in the form of Schedule "C" may authorize the driving or operation on a Highway of a commercial vehicle that:

- (i) does not conform to subsection 2 and the fee for the permit shall be in accordance with Schedule of this By-Law:
- (ii) does not conform to Subsection 3 and the fee for the permit shall be in accordance with Schedule of this By-Law.

CROSSOVER	(b) The Engineer may by the issuance of a written permit, authorize the crossing of a highway by a commercial vehicle, that is overloaded or oversize, or both, and the fee for such a permit shall be in accordance with Schedule of this By-Law. Highway crossing permits so issued shall be for the current licence year.
PENALTY	(c) Any driver, operator, or owner of any vehicle or other person who violates any of the conditions contained in any permit issued pursuant to these regulations is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of not more than \$500.00 or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding three (3) months, or both.
VARY	(d) The power to issue permits pursuant to this By-Law shall include the power to amend, vary, or rescind such permits.
DEPOSIT	(e) As a prerequisite to the issuance of a permit under these regulations, the Engineer may require the applicant, therefore, to deposit with the City, a sum of money in an amount sufficient, in the opinion of the City Engineer to pay the cost of repairing any damage that may be done to the Highway, public structure or bridge, by reason of the driving or operation of the vehicle thereon.
FEE DEPOSIT	(f) Where the term of the permit issued pursuant to Subsection (a) extends, beyond a single journey, the applicant shall deposit on account of the fee prescribed herein a sum of money equal to the estimated charges for the permit.
OVERLOAD FEE	(g) The fee to be charged for an overload permit under the Schedule shall be based on the total number of miles of operation of the overload vehicle during the term of the permit.
OVERSIZE AND OVERLOAD FEE	(h) An applicant for an oversize or overload permit may deposit with the Engineer a sum of money considered sufficient to secure the payment of the fees for such permits as may be required by the applicant and thereafter the applicant shall pay the permit fee forthwith on receipt of a bill from the City.
REFUSAL	(i) Where an applicant fails to pay the fees charged under Subsection (h), the Engineer may refuse any further applications of permits and may cancel any existing permits until such delinquent fees are paid.
SINGLE VEHICLE	(j) No person may use a permit, other than a highway crossing permit, for the driving or operating of more than one vehicle.
TRIPS	(k) Where the term of an overload permit extends beyond a single journey, the permit holder shall, at the end of each calendar month, submit an accurate summary on forms provided by the

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- DISPLAY (l) A permit issued under this By-Law and regulations must be carried in the vehicle at all times when operating upon a highway.
- NOT TRANSFERRABLE (m) No permit other than a Highway crossing permit is transferable from one vehicle to another; but where a vehicle has been sold, destroyed, or exported from the Province, a substitute permit containing the same conditions as the original permit may be issued without fee and validated for the term of the original permit.

## 6. WEIGHING

- (a) Weighing and inspection of vehicles, driver to stop on direction.

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The driver of a vehicle on a highway, when so required by a Peace Officer or by any Person authorized by the Engineer shall:

- (i) Stop the vehicle at the time and place specified by such Peace Officer or authorized person for the purpose of weighing the whole or part thereof by means of stationary or portable scales, measuring the dimensions of the vehicle and load, measuring the dimensions of the vehicle and load, measuring and inspecting the tires thereon, inspecting the load carried, or for any other purpose under this By-Law.
- (ii) drive the vehicle onto the nearest public, or Department of Commercial Transport Stationary or portable scales for the purpose of weighing the vehicle and load;
- (iii) re-arrange the load upon the vehicle or remove the whole or part of the load from the vehicle in order to comply with the provisions of this By-Law, regulations, or permit before continuing to drive or operate the vehicle.
- (b) The driver of a vehicle on a highway, when directed by a traffic sign on the highway to drive over scales, shall drive the vehicle onto the scales for the purpose of weighing the whole or part thereof by means of stationary or portable scales, measuring the dimensions of the vehicle and load, measuring and inspecting the tires thereon, inspecting the load carried, or for any purpose under this By-Law.
- (c) Subsection (b) does not apply to the driver of a commercial vehicle of a licensed gross vehicle weight not exceeding 5,443.2 kg (approximately 12,000 lbs).

## C. PILOT CARS

1. Where conditions of an oversize or overload permit prescribe that pilot cars, signs, flags, or lights be provided by the Permittee, the standard for equipment as set forth in this By-Law shall be complied with, unless prescribed by the conditions of the permit.



2. Pilot cars shall be private passenger motor vehicles or commercial vehicles of a licensed gross weight not exceeding 5,443.2 kg (approximately 12,000 lbs).
3. Signs required by a permit to be displayed on an oversized vehicle or load shall be as follows:
  - (a) Sign panel size, 1.524m by .304m (approximately 5' by 1')
  - (b) Black lettering on yellow background.
  - (c) Letters shall be 203.2mm (approximately 8") in height of 28.6mm (approximately 1 1/8") stroke.
  - (d) Shall contain only the words ("Wide Load") or in case of loads only over length, the words ("Long Load").
  - (e) Mobile homes and modular buildings exceeding 3.505m (approximately 11'6") in width shall additionally display on the rear thereof a sign as follows:
    - (i) yellow background with lettering of red reflective material
    - (ii) letters shall be a minimum of 152.4mm (approximately 6") in height of 25.4mm (approximately 1") stroke;
    - (iii) shall contain the words "Caution – May Slow or Stop Unexpectedly."
4. Every pilot car shall be equipped with at least one roof-mounted flashing amber lamp having a light source that will emit a beam of light clearly visible from a distance of 91.44m (approximately 300') in normal daylight which shall be operated when the pilot car is escorting an oversize vehicle or load, except every pilot car escorting a load in excess of 3.505m (approximately 11'6") in width shall be equipped with a roof-mounted "Wide Load" sign of the following design:
  - (a) Box shall be 2.184m (approximately 6'14") by 101.6m (approximately 4") mild steel. Outside surface shall be baked enamel (white) to give good reflective quality. Eight (8) lamps shall be mounted in the box spaced to give even lighting of the sign background. This box shall shelter all wire connectors, switches, flashers, etc.
  - (b) Sign shall be double faced of 3.2mm (approximately 1/8") yellow plexi-glass background with 279.4mm by 38.1mm (approximately 11" by 1 1/2") black letters.
  - (c) Lamps shall have a rating of 53.82 Lx (approximately 12.5 volts), five (5) candle power, design amps 3.
  - (d) Mounted on top of this sign box shall be two (2) amber lamps (one at each end) of a two-way like design, of at least 177.8mm (approximately 7") in diameter which meets the C.S.A. standard B-106.1 1972 flashing at 60-90 flashes per minute. This unit shall be designed to mount on car top carriers or equal mountings. It shall have two (2) positions, upright when in use and folded horizontally when not in use.
5. Flags on an oversize vehicle or load shall be red in colour of a minimum size of 304.8mm by 304.8mm (approximately 12" by 12") mounted on all four corners and (or) projections of the vehicle or load.
6. If night travel of oversize vehicles or loads is authorized by permit, the extremities of the oversize vehicle or load shall be lighted in a manner not inconsistent with the provisions of Division 4 of the regulations made pursuant to the Motor Vehicle Act.

7. No person shall drive or operate on a highway a motor vehicle or a commercial vehicle displaying a sign indicating the presence of an oversize vehicle or load when, in fact, an oversize vehicle or load is not being transported or escorted.
8. A pilot car when escorting an oversize vehicle or load on a two lane or three lane highway shall precede the oversize vehicle or load at a distance of not less than 91.44m (approximately 300') nor more than 457.2m (approximately 1,500'). When escorting an oversize vehicle or load on a four lane or divided highway, the pilot car shall follow the oversize vehicle or load at a distance of not less than 91.44m (approximately 300') nor more than 475.2m (approximately 1,500').
9. Notwithstanding Section 8, a lead pilot car shall, when necessary, precede the oversize vehicle or load through tunnels, structures, etc. at an adequate distance so as to provide ample warning for oncoming vehicles.
10. Non-residents shall be deemed to have complied with these regulations, provided they are conforming to similar regulations that are in effect in the jurisdiction in which the vehicle is duly licensed and registered.
11. Every person who drives or operates a pilot car in contravention of the provisions of this By-Law is guilty of an offence.

#### D. CYCLES AND PLAY VEHICLES

1. In addition to the duties imposed by this section, a person operating a cycle upon a highway has the same rights and duties as a driver of a vehicle.
2. A person who is operating a cycle shall comply with the following provisions, namely:
  - (a) He shall not ride on a sidewalk, unless otherwise directed by a sign;
  - (b) Subject to clause (a), he shall ride as near as practicable to the right side of the roadway;
  - (c) He shall not ride abreast of any other person who is operating a cycle upon the roadway;
  - (d) He shall keep at least one hand on the handle-bars;
  - (e) He shall not ride other than upon or astride a regular seat of the cycle;
  - (f) He shall not use the cycle to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designed and equipped; and
  - (g) He shall not ride a cycle on any highway where signs prohibit their use.
3. No person who is operating a cycle shall ride it upon a roadway if there is a useable path intended for the use of cycles adjacent to the roadway.
4. No person shall ride a cycle, coaster, roller-skates, sled or play-vehicle when it is attached by the arm and hand of the rider or otherwise to a vehicle upon a highway.
5. Every cycle operated on any highway between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise shall be equipped with a lighted lamp mounted on the front thereof capable of displaying a white light visible under normal atmospheric conditions at least 152.4m (approximately 500') in the direction in which the cycle is pointed, and with a red reflector of a make or design approved by the Engineer for the purpose of this section, or a lighted lamp mounted on the rear thereof capable of reflecting or displaying a red light towards the rear. In addition to the equipment so required, every cycle that is operated on any highway shall have the most

conspicuous portion of its rear mudguard, for a length of not less than 228.6mm (approximately 9") and the full width of the mudguard painted white.

6. (a) In case an incident occurs by which any person or property is injured, directly or indirectly, owing to the presence or operating of a cycle on any highway, the person in charge of the cycle shall:
    - (i) remain at or immediately return to the scene of the incident,
    - (ii) render all possible assistance; and
    - (iii) give to anyone sustaining loss or injury, and to any Peace Officer who is present, his name and address, and also the name and address of the owner of the cycle, and, if the cycle has been licensed and registered, the licence of registration number of the cycle.
  - (b) Where an incident on a highway either directly or indirectly causes death or injury to a person or damage to property causing aggregate damage apparently exceeding \$25.00, the person in charge of the cycle shall forthwith report the matter to a police officer or to a person designated by the Engineer to receive such reports, and shall furnish such information, including information referred to in Section 54(4) respecting the incident as may be required by the Police Officer or person designated.
  - (c) Every report made under this Section is without prejudice and is for the information of the Provincial or Municipal Police, but shall not be open to Public Inspection. The fact that the report has been made is admissible in evidence solely to prove compliance with this Section, and the report is admissible in evidence on the prosecution of any person for the offence of making a false statement therein.
7. No person shall ride or operate a cycle on any highway without due care and attention, or without reasonable consideration for other persons using the highway.
  8. (a) Where a person is convicted of an offence under this Act in respect of his riding or operating a cycle, the Judge or Court may, in addition to or in lieu of any penalty otherwise prescribed, order that the cycle shall be seized, and on the expiry of that period the person entitled thereto may again have possession of the cycle.
    - (b) For the purpose of seizing and impounding a cycle pursuant to an order made under clause (a), any Peace Officer may enter by force any place or building in which the cycle is situated. 1957, C.39, S.166; 1958, c.31, s.45; 1965, c.27, s.33; 1969, c.28, s.35; 1975, c.46, s.9A; 1976, c.35, s.26; (prox. eff. Jan. 1, 1977)

E. FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS:

1. Tank vehicles shall not be left unattended at any time except:
  - (a) While making actual deliveries, provided that during actual discharge of the liquid some competent and responsible person shall be present at the vehicle;
  - (b) While the driver of the vehicle is stopped for meals during the day or night, provided that the vehicle is parked properly, and that the street upon which the vehicle is parked is properly lighted and the vehicle is plainly visible at the point of parking.

2. (a) Tank vehicles carrying flammable liquids shall not be parked in any Residential District as defined by the Zoning By-Law of the Corporation of the City of Fort St. John, and amendments thereto.
- (b) Tank vehicles containing flammable liquids shall not be parked out of doors at any one point for longer than one hour, except off the streets or highways and on a parking lot approved by the Fire Chief.