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Subject: **Increased Penalties for Parking and Stopping in Bicycle Lanes**

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Recommendations:

1. That the report from Kevin Minaker, Manager, Traffic Operations and Parking, Road Maintenance, Operations and Fleet and Shane Keyes, Manager, Enforcement, Enforcement & Bylaw Services to the Committee of Council Meeting of January 31st, 2024, re: **Increased Penalties for Parking and Stopping in Bicycle Lanes**, be received; and,
2. That penalties for parking and stopping in bicycle lanes be increased from \$35 to \$150.

Overview:

- **At the Active Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting of December 12, 2023 staff were directed to report back to the Committee of Council meeting on January 31, 2024, regarding suggested improvements including and not limited to improved By-law Enforcement and increasing penalties related to parking in designated bicycle lanes.**
- **Staff are recommending increasing the penalty for stopping and parking in designated bicycle lanes to from \$35 to \$150.**
- **Enforcement and By-law services have included bicycle lane enforcement in its Enforcement Operational review.**

Background:

At the Active Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting of December 12, 2023 staff were directed to report back to the Committee of Council meeting on January 31, 2024, regarding suggested improvements including and not limited to improved By-law Enforcement and increasing penalties related to parking in designated bicycle lanes.

Current Situation:

Staff reviewed the possibility of increasing penalties related to parking and stopping in designated bicycle lanes. In other cities, the penalties for parking and stopping in a designated bike lane are as follows:

- City of Toronto - \$150
- City of Ottawa - \$125
- City of Mississauga - \$55
- City of Vaughan - \$55
- City of Burlington - \$47
- City of Hamilton - \$33

Based on the scan of penalties issued in other municipalities, Brampton's current penalty of \$35 is significantly less than some neighbouring municipalities and other municipalities throughout the country. Based on that, staff are recommending increasing the penalty for stopping and parking in designated bicycle lanes from \$35 to \$150. This will fall more in line with penalties from other larger municipalities like Toronto.

City Council has directed Enforcement and By-law Services to conduct a thorough review of end-to-end enforcement processes to identify opportunities for improvement. This work is set to commence in Q1 2024 with an aim to gather input on the current state and opportunities to improve service delivery.

Corporate Implications:

Financial Implications:

There are no direct financial implications associated with the recommendations in this report. Any revenue from the revised parking violation fees will be captured under the Court Administration Division.

Strategic Focus Area:

This report supports Brampton's Transit & Connectivity improved By-law Enforcement and increasing penalties related to parking and stopping in bike lanes.

Conclusion:

Based on a scan of penalties for parking and stopping in designated bicycle lanes from other municipalities, staff recommend increasing these penalties from \$35 to \$150 to help discourage this illegal activity that is causing additional traffic safety concerns citywide.

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