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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 Council Meeting of February 7th, 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 from \$35 to \$150.**

Background:

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Current Situation:

Enforcement and By-law Services is undergoing a comprehensive review of current service delivery. In alignment with this review's objectives, Enforcement and Public Works are proposing recommendations to strengthen the delivery of bike lane enforcement by increasing penalties.

Staff conducted a jurisdictional scan of penalties related to parking and stopping in designated bicycle lanes and found that the City of Brampton was below average. The penalties in local municipalities are listed below:

- 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 this scan, staff are recommending increasing the penalty for stopping and parking in designated bicycle lanes from \$35 to \$150. to align with the penalties in other larger municipalities, like Toronto and Ottawa.

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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