

City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To:

Community Safety Committee

From:

Don Pearson

Manager, Community Bylaws

To Community Jarum - Out. 13,2004

Date: September 27, 2004

File: 12-8060-20-7828/7829.

Re:

(1) Traffic Regulation Amendment

(2) Parking (Off-Street) Regulation Bylaw Amendment

Proposed Parking Exemption

Staff Recommendation

That the following amendment bylaws that exempt vehicles displaying British Columbia veteran's licence plates from paying for parking during the week of November 6th to 13th, 2004 inclusive be given first, second and third readings:

Traffic Regulation Bylaw No. 5870 Amendment Bylaw No. 7828; and

Parking (Off-Street) Regulation Bylaw 7403 Amendment Bylaw No. 7829.

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Origin

Correspondence was received from Mr. N. Wigglesworth advising of the new British Columbia licence plates available to veterans of the armed forces. In his letter Mr. Wigglesworth suggested that for the month of November vehicles displaying these plates be allowed to park free at City locations.

Analysis

A press release from the Provincial Government is attached giving the details of these distinctive licence plates. We have modified Mr. Wigglesworth's suggestion to allow for free parking at City meters for the week of November 6th to 13th of this year. This exemption is during the week in which Remembrance Day falls and is in recognition of the contributions made by the veterans to our country.

The exemption is specific to timed parking and any safety infractions will be ticketed.

Financial Impact

There will be very little, if any, financial impact. There are very few veteran's plates issued and the period of time for which the exemption is in place is relatively short.

Conclusion

These distinctive licence plates allow for a small token of appreciation and recognition during the week of Remembrance Day.

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Do other drivers have you covered?

Licence plates for Veterans

Eligible Veterans who own or lease passenger vehicles or motor homes can now apply to their Autoplan broker for a set of Veteran Specialty Plates for their vehicle (please note: plates for other vehicle types, like pickup trucks and motorcycles, will not be available until the fall). Three Authorizing Service Organizations will determine plate eligibility. The plates will be available to Veterans who served during wartime or in a post-war capacity. They are also available to Veterans who served during a NATO or UN operation, including members of the RCMP.

The Province of BC introduced this new plate program in June 2004 to honour Veterans and commemorate the 60th anniversary of D-Day.

Applying for your Veteran Plates

To apply for a Veteran Specialty Plate:

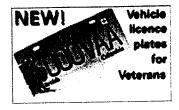
- Print the <u>application form</u> (PDF)* or pick up a copy from your <u>Autoplan broker</u>.
- Select one of the three <u>Authorizing Service</u> Organizations.
- Gather, then photocopy, your original service documentation.
- Complete the application form.
- Make a cheque or money order, in the amount of \$5 (non-refundable), payable to the Authorizing Service Organization you have selected. Please do not send cash.
- Mail your completed application, a photocopy of your original service documentation, and the cheque or money order to the Authorizing Service Organization you have selected. They will process your application form and return it to you by mail.

For more information on the application process or eligibility requirements, please contact the <u>Authorizing Service Organization</u> of your choice.

NOTE: Although ICBC is issuing the Veteran plates, eligibility is determined solely by the Veterans associations listed as <u>Authorizing Service</u>
Organizations.

Ordering your Veteran Plates

The <u>Authorizing Service Organization</u> will mail back your approved <u>application form</u> (PDF)* to you. To order your Veteran plates, take your original approved form to your Autoplan broker. Your Autoplan broker will photocopy your approved <u>application form</u> (PDF)* for their file, and



More information

Veteran Plates application form (PDF)*

Veterans Plates print brochure (PDF)*

Frequently Asked Questions about Veteran Plates

*Requires Adobe Acrobat Reader. If you don't have it, go here to download. return the original form to you.



Collecting your Veteran Plates

Your Autoplan broker will call you once the plates have arrived at their office. To collect your plates, you will have to bring your current Owner's Certificate of Insurance, Vehicle Licence and Registration to your Autoplan broker along with your current licence plates. Your current plates will be exchanged for Veteran plates.

When you hand in your current licence plates to your Autoplan broker, you will be issued Veteran plates at no additional cost. (If you do not have a set of current licence plates, an \$18 new plate fee applies.)

Time required to obtain a Veteran Plate

It takes up to seven weeks to obtain your Veteran plates, including:

- Up to three weeks for the <u>application form</u> (PDF)* to be processed and mailed back to you by an <u>Authorizing Service Organization</u>, and
- Up to four weeks for your Autoplan broker to receive your Veteran plates.

Authorizing Service Organizations

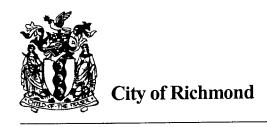
For more information on the status of your application or for questions concerning eligibility, contact one of the following Authorizing Service Organizations:

- British Columbia Veterans Commemorative Association 604-876-2838
 www.geocities.com/bcvca
- BC/Yukon Command, The Royal Canadian Legion 504-736-8166

www.pacificlegion.org

 Canadian Peacekeeping Veterans Association 250-391-1568
 www.cpva.ca

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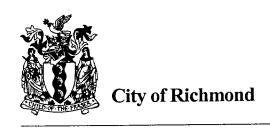


Traffic Regulation Bylaw No. 5870, Amendment Bylaw No. 7828

The Council of the City of Richmond enacts as follows:

- 1. Section 12A of Bylaw No. 5870 is amended by adding the following as subsection 12A.7:
 - "12A.7 During the period November 6 to 13, 2004 inclusive, the provisions of Part 12A do not apply to any vehicle displaying a British Columbia veteran specialty licence plate."
- 2. This Bylaw is cited as "Traffic Regulation Bylaw No. 5870, Amendment Bylaw No. 7828".

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Parking (Off-Street) Regulation Bylaw No. 7403, Amendment Bylaw No. 7829

The Council of the City of Richmond enacts as follows:

- 1. Section 5.2 of Bylaw No. 7403 is amended by adding the following as subsection 5.2.2:
 - "5.2.2 During the period November 6 to 13, 2004, inclusive, the provisions of subsection 5.1.2 do not apply to any **vehicle** displaying a British Columbia veteran specialty licence plate."
- 2. This Bylaw is cited as "Parking (Off-Street) Regulation Bylaw No. 7403, Amendment Bylaw No. 7829".

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