Tartan Towing

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Executive Policy Committee

Dear Executive Policy Committee Members, I would like to take this opportunity to express my support to the changes in the Private Parking By-law #6549/95 rate increase/changes, and the addition of extra service fees for the use of dollies or flatbeds, as well as the allowance for winching or recovery as some vehicles require to properly prepare them for transport. As well as the weight reclassification and storage rate proposed by the Winnipeg Parking Authority.

As mentioned in the Winnipeg Parking Authorities administrative report the Private Parking By-law has not been updated since 2008 and therefore has fallen behind the industry standard for services rendered.

As our city continues to expand and population grows, we are seeing an increase in all areas that the By-law governs ie: Strip malls, Apartments /Condos, Businesses. The new developments are for the most part in the suburbs which increases distance travelled to get to these new locations, the type of services has also changed as most vehicles are now front wheel or all-wheel drive so they require the use of dollies on almost all of these types of tows. Another challenge is the number of vehicles parked inside parking garages or underground parking areas which propose many challenges and techniques that are quite time and effort consuming. With the outdated rates in place, it is becoming a challenge to have an owner/operator travel to some of these new areas on a chance so to speak as there is no compensation if the parking offender is gone on arrival (GOA). But the proposed increase promotes the incentive for the owner/operator to accept the service request.

The proposed increases will help in all areas of our business as we have all experienced the rise in cost of all facets of general day to day living. The costs of equipment, fuel, insurance, repair and maintenance, just to name a few that directly impact the trucks. On the business front we have all seen a rise in every aspect of existence including real estate, taxes, wages, utilities and so on as the list never ends.

At Tartan Towing we are focused towards providing services while limiting and reducing our environmental footprint. We have installed a state-of-the-art solar panel system that significantly decreases our consumption of hydroelectricity and continue to explore new and more efficient ways to lesson our impact on the environment.

Thankyou for your consideration of this matter.

Yours Truly,

Rob Campbell
President