## Canadian Towing Association

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City of London Council

## **Re: Towing Industry Bylaws**

I am the Executive Director of the Canadian Towing Association and wish to establish to the London City Council our support for your upcoming bylaw to end accident chasers. This method of service is notably the scourge of the towing industry.

It has been noted by our association that accident chasing is responsible for dangerous driving tactics jeopardizing the many motorists using the roadways and is the source of the financial abuse of consumers. There have been many motorists killed and/or seriously injured through the dangerous driving tactics by chasers. Unfortunately, we are also aware that this practice of towing is now making its way right across Canada and must be stopped.

There are currently sixteen out of four hundred and forty four municipalities that license the towing industry. We have found this to be ineffective and interferes with the proficient service from the professional tow operator. Our association is currently lobbying the Provincial Government to end municipal licensing and to establish a provincial towing license with a number of qualification and penalty processes in place. We are hoping for success in this initiative in the near future.

Finally, we urge the City of London to pass the vitally important anti-chasing bylaw complete with substantial fines for violations and ensure it is fully monitored and enforced.

Thank you for your time and I remain,

Yours very truly

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