



Tow Truck Operator Licence Business Licence By-law L.131-16

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History

- **January 2019** - Staff was requested to consult with the industry, law enforcement agencies, London Police Service and Ontario Provincial Police.
- **September 2019** – Community and Protective Services Committee. Information Report on Tow Truck Solicitation at accident scenes.



Background

- Increased concern with tow truck solicitation at motor vehicle accidents.
- Numerous municipalities have licensing by-laws addressing the towing industry.
- Aim to serve and protect the public at motor vehicle accident scenes.



The Highway Traffic Act

Section 171(1) The Highway Traffic Act, includes regulations that prohibit persons from making or conveying an offer of services of a tow truck while that person is within **200 meters** of:

- a) the scene of an accident or apparent accident or;
- b) a vehicle involved in an accident.





Consultation

- London Police Services
- Middlesex London Paramedics
- Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)
- Canadian Automobile Association (CAA)
- Local Tow Truck Industry



Proposed Amendments

New definition:

- Tow Truck Operator: *“means the operator or driver of a Tow Truck”*

Application Requirements:

- business licence application
- valid drivers licence
- police record check
- MTO drivers abstract
- \$130.00 licence fee and \$130 yearly renewal fee.



Proposed Amendments

Prohibitions:

No Tow Truck Operator shall solicit or make or convey an offer of the services of a Tow Truck, within 200 metres of:

- the scene of a Motor Vehicle accident or apparent accident or;
- a Vehicle involved in an accident, on a Highway.



Conclusion

- Industry consultation.
- By-law is enforced by Municipal Law Enforcement Officers and the London Police Service.
- Public safety concern



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