BYLAW 19-25

**A BYLAW IN THE TOWN OF OKOTOKS
IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA
TO REGULATE TRUCK ROUTE TRAFFIC
WITHIN THE TOWN OF OKOTOKS
(As amended by Bylaw 26-26)**

WHEREAS pursuant to section 13 of the *Traffic Safety Act (Act)*, RSA 2000, c. T-6 and amendments thereto, the Council of the Town of Okotoks (Council) may pass bylaws for the regulation and control of vehicles and traffic; and

WHEREAS the purpose of this Bylaw is to regulate truck route traffic within the Town of Okotoks (Town).

NOW THEREFORE Council enacts as follows:

1. SHORT TITLE

1.1 This Bylaw may be known as the "Truck Route Bylaw".

2. DEFINITIONS

Any terms not defined in this Bylaw shall have the meaning as defined in the *Act*. In this Bylaw, unless the context otherwise requires, the following means:

2.1 **Chief Administrative Officer** - the person appointed to the position of Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) for the Town within the meaning of the *Municipal Government Act* and the Town's CAO Bylaw.

2.2 **Council** - the Mayor and Councillors of the Town duly elected pursuant to the *Local Authorities Election Act*.

2.3 **highway** - has the same meaning as defined in the *Act* and all subsequent amendments and replacements, but shall be restricted to highways within the Town.

2.4 **maximum weight**:

- 2.4.1 the maximum weight of a vehicle as recorded on the certificate of registration for such vehicle; or
- 2.4.2 if there is no certificate of registration for the vehicle, then the combined weight of the vehicle and the heaviest load that may be carried in accordance with the Commercial Vehicle Dimension and Weight Regulation (AR 315/02) and all subsequent amendments.

2.5 **Peace Officer**:
- 2.5.1 a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police;
- 2.5.2 a Community Peace Officer as appointed by the Solicitor General of Alberta; or
- 2.5.3 a Bylaw Officer as appointed by the Town to enforce bylaws of the Town.

2.6 **semi-trailer** - a vehicle of the trailer-type so designed and used in conjunction with a motor vehicle that some part of its own weight and that of its load rests upon, or is carried by, another vehicle.

2.7 **service road** - a local road that runs adjacent to and parallel with a major highway or arterial roadway in order to provide access to the abutting properties.

2.8 **special permit** - an official authorization issued by the CAO that allows a truck to operate on roads that are not designated truck routes. This permit is granted under specific circumstances that justify an exception to standard route restrictions.

2.9 **temporary truck route** - a highway or portion thereof designated as a temporary truck route pursuant to Section 5 of this Bylaw.

2.10 **Town** - the Corporation of the Town of Okotoks in the Province of Alberta and, where the context so requires, the area of land within the corporate boundaries thereof.

2.11 **trailer** - a vehicle that:
- 2.11.1 is at any time drawn on a public highway by a self-propelled vehicle;
- 2.11.2 is intended for the conveyance of goods or materials of any kind; and
- 2.11.3 shall be deemed to be a separate vehicle and not part of the motor vehicle by which it is drawn.

2.12 **truck-type vehicle** - a motor vehicle intended for the conveyance of goods or materials of any kind.

2.13 **truck**:
- 2.13.1 a truck-type vehicle with a maximum weight in excess of 5,450 kilograms (kg);
- 2.13.2 any self-propelled vehicle, not primarily intended for the conveyance of passengers, with a maximum weight in excess of 5,450 kg; or
- 2.13.3 a tractor, grader, road building or road maintenance equipment, or construction equipment, other than truck-type vehicles, regardless of weight.

2.14 **truck route** - a highway so designated in Schedule "A" of this Bylaw.

2.15 **unrestricted truck zone** - an area as described in Schedule "B" and indicated on Schedule "C" of this Bylaw.

2.16 **violation tag** - a notice or tag in a form as approved by the CAO issued by the Town allowing a voluntary payment option of a fine established under this Bylaw.

2.17 **violation ticket** - a ticket issued pursuant to Part II of the *Provincial Offences Procedure Act*, RSA 2000, c. P-34 *(POPA)*, as amended and any regulations thereto.

3. PROHIBITION

3.1 No person shall drive a semi-trailer or any truck on any highway if:

3.1.1 the maximum weight of the truck or semi-trailer exceeds 5,450 kg

except where:

3.1.2 the vehicle is operating on routes identified in Schedule "A" and "C";

3.1.3 the vehicle is within unrestricted truck zones as identified in Schedule "B" and "C"; or

3.1.4 the vehicle is operating on temporary truck routes designated under Section 5 of this Bylaw.

3.2 The provisions of this Bylaw do not apply to:

3.2.1 a house trailer, vacation trailer, or other similar mobile accommodation designed or used for residential purposes;

3.2.2 Okotoks Fire & Rescue vehicles;

3.2.3 vehicles owned or operated by Canada Post;

3.2.4 vehicles registered to the Town; or

3.2.5 vehicles owned or leased by utility or cable companies while performing inspection, maintenance, or repair work related to their utilities.

4. IDENTIFICATION OF TRUCK ROUTES

4.1 Truck routes listed in Schedule "A" shall be marked with signs at locations determined by the CAO to indicate to truck drivers the highways designated as truck routes.

4.2 Where a service road adjoins a designated truck route and shares the same name, the service road shall not be considered a truck route unless it is specifically signed or marked as such.

5. TEMPORARY TRUCK ROUTES

5.1 Council may direct the CAO to install signs or other traffic control devices on any highway or portion thereof, designating it as a temporary truck route.

5.2 Where alterations or repairs to a highway or other circumstances affecting travel thereon require the designation of a temporary truck route and before the matter can be

presented to Council, the CAO may install signs or other traffic control devices be erected designating the route required as a temporary truck route.

5.3 When the CAO has, pursuant to subsection 5.2, designated a temporary truck route, unless Council, pursuant to subsection 5.1, at its next meeting approves the route as a temporary truck route or amends this Bylaw to add the truck route to the appropriate schedule hereof:

5.3.1 the route so designated by the CAO shall after two (2) weeks cease to be a temporary truck route; and

5.3.2 the CAO shall direct that the signs designating the temporary truck route be removed.

6. SPECIAL PERMITS

6.1 The CAO may under circumstances which are considered to warrant a permit, issue a special permit authorizing the movement of a truck on highways other than truck routes.

6.2 A person driving a truck covered by a special permit shall produce the permit when required to do so by a Peace Officer.

7. DIRECT ROUTES

7.1 A person driving a truck may operate a truck on streets outside a designated truck route, if necessary, to:

7.1.1 make a delivery or supply a service at a location off a truck route; or

7.1.2 pick up merchandise or materials from a location off a truck route.

In such cases, the driver must drive the truck on the street or streets forming the most accessible connection between a truck route and the delivery point, service point, or the collection point for merchandise or material, as the case may be, and shall also use such street or streets when returning to the truck route.

7.2 If a driver has multiple deliveries or services to complete within the same area, they may proceed to the next location before returning to the truck route via the most direct and accessible route.

7.3 If a truck is housed at a location off a truck route, a person may drive the truck to and from the place where it is housed, and, in doing so, shall drive it on the street or streets forming the most direct accessible connection between the location where the truck is housed and a truck route.

8. REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE / WEIGH SLIP

8.1 A driver or person in charge or control of a truck must provide a Peace Officer with the vehicle's registration certificate, which indicates its maximum weight, upon request.

8.2 Information obtained by a Peace Officer from a registration certificate provided under subsection 8.1 and presented as evidence in court shall serve as prima facie proof of the certificate's authenticity and its recorded details.

8.3 If a driver or person in charge or control of a truck cannot produce the vehicle's registration certificate, a Peace Officer may direct them to take the vehicle or any attached combination of vehicles suspected of being off a designated truck route to the nearest certified weigh scale to verify its weight.

8.4 The weigh slip obtained under subsection 8.3 must be provided to the Peace Officer and may be retained as evidence. If the total weight of the vehicle or combination of attached vehicles exceeds 5,450 kg, the Peace Officer may, in addition to pursuing any violations under this Bylaw, require that the excess weight be removed before the vehicle is operated, parked, or left on a route other than a truck route.

8.5 A weigh slip provided to a Peace Officer under subsection 8.4 and submitted as evidence in court shall serve as prima facie proof of its authenticity, the recorded weight details, and the accuracy of the weigh scale used.

9. PARKING

9.1 No person in charge or control of a truck shall park the truck or permit it to be parked on a street other than a truck route or an unrestricted truck zone, except during such time as the truck is being used in the making of a delivery or the performance of some work or service.

9.2 If any truck is parked in violation of the provisions of this Bylaw, a Peace Officer may cause the truck to be removed to a place which the CAO may designate. The owner, or other person in charge or control of the truck moved by the Peace Officer is responsible for the cost of removing such truck and any storage or other charges incurred. Such costs or charges shall be in addition to any fine or penalty imposed in respect of any such violation.

9.3 The provisions of this Bylaw shall not relieve a person in charge or control of a truck from compliance with other parking and traffic regulations.

10. PENALTY PROVISION

10.1 Any person who contravenes any section of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable to a specified penalty listed in Schedule "D" of not less than $300.00 and not more than $10,000.00 and in default of payment is liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six (6) months, or both.

10.2 Where a Peace Officer believes that a person has contravened any provision of this Bylaw, they may serve upon such person:
- 10.2.1 a violation tag allowing a payment of the specified penalty to the Town; or
- 10.2.2 a violation ticket allowing payment according to the provisions of the *POPA*.

10.3 Service of a violation tag shall be sufficient if it is:
- 10.3.1 personally served;
- 10.3.2 served by regular mail to the person's last known mailing address; or
- 10.3.3 placed on or attached to the vehicle involved in the contravention of this Bylaw.

10.4 A person who commits an offence and is issued a violation tag may make a voluntary payment equal to the specified fine by delivering the violation tag and the specified fine to the Municipal building of the Town within a 22-day period from the date of issuance. If payment is not made within this period, the violation tag may be forwarded to Court, where payment must comply with the requirements outlined in Section 10.6.

10.5 If a violation ticket is issued in respect to an offence, the violation ticket may:
- 10.5.1 specify the fine amount established by this Bylaw for the offence; or
- 10.5.2 require a person to appear in Court without the alternative of making a voluntary payment.

10.6 A person who commits an offence and is issued a violation ticket may make a voluntary payment equal to the specified fine by delivering the violation ticket and the specified fine to Court specified on the violation ticket if:
- 10.6.1 a violation ticket is issued in respect of the offence; and
- 10.6.2 the violation ticket specifies the fine amount for the offence.

11. SEVERABILITY

11.1 It is the intention of Council that each separate provision of this Bylaw shall be deemed independent of all other provisions herein, and it is the further intention of Council that if any provision of this Bylaw is declared invalid, all other provisions hereof shall remain valid and enforceable.

11.2 Nothing in this Bylaw relieves a person from complying with any provision of any federal or provincial law or regulation, other bylaw, or any requirement of any lawful permit, order, or licence.

Bylaw 12-11 and any amendment thereto are hereby repealed upon this Bylaw coming into effect.

This Bylaw shall come into full force and effect upon third and final reading.

Bylaw 19-25 received third and final reading April 28, 2025

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
MAYOR AND CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Bylaw 26-26 received third and final reading October 26, 2026

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SCHEDULE "A"
TRUCK ROUTES WITHIN THE TOWN OF OKOTOKS

	THOROUGHFARE	FROM	TO
1.	Northridge Drive	North Town Limits	Sheep River Bridge
2.	Southridge Drive	Sheep River Bridge	Intersection of Highway 7
3.	Highway 7	West Town Limits	East Town Limits
4.	Elizabeth Street (Highway 549)	Northridge Drive	West Town Limits
5.	32nd Street	338th Avenue	Highway 7
6.	North Railway Street	Crystalridge Drive	East Town Limits
7.	Highway 783	South Town Limits	Highway 7
8.	338th Avenue	Northridge Drive (Highway 2A)	Highway 2 (**Bylaw 26-26**)

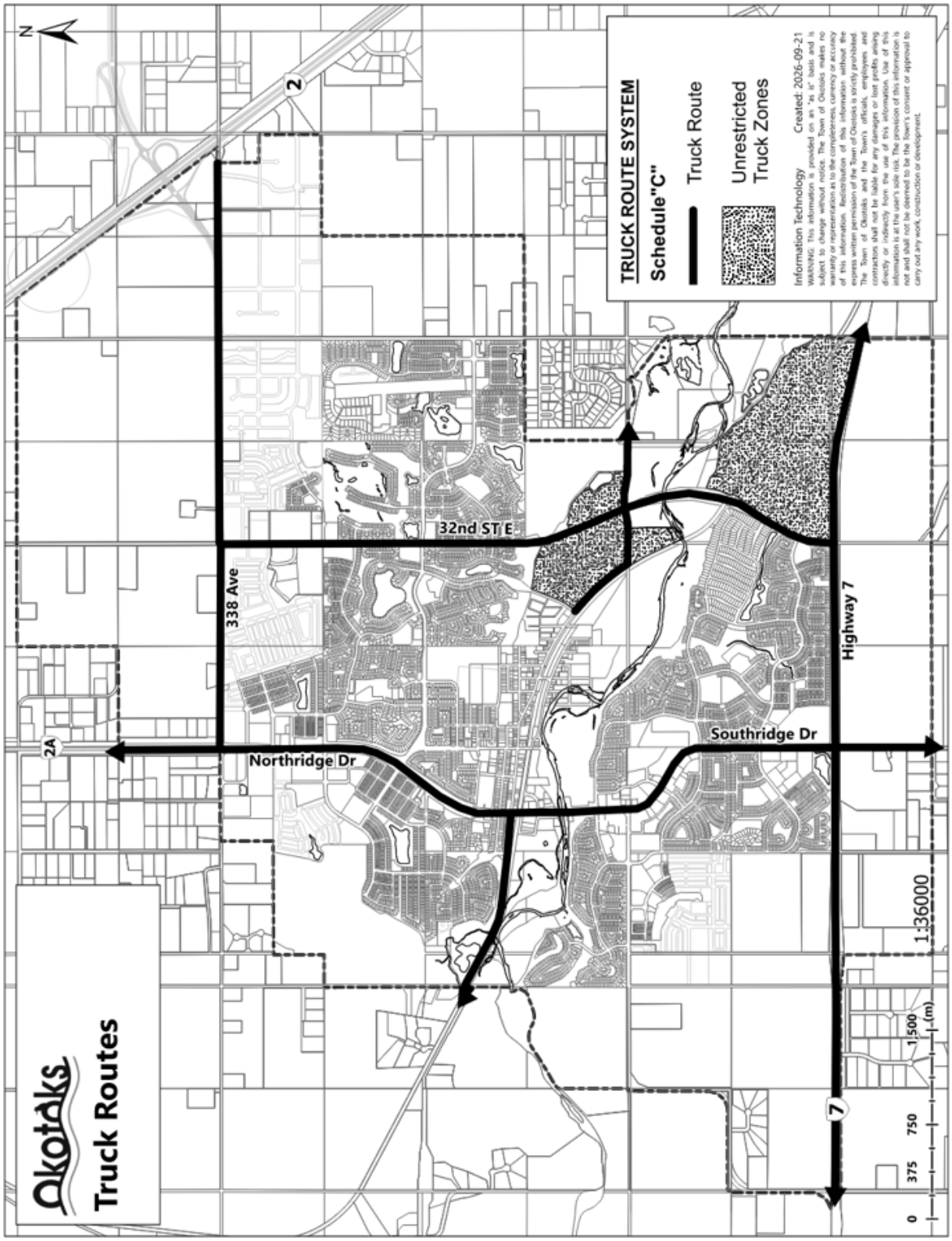
SCHEDULE "B"
UNRESTRICTED TRUCK ZONES

Zone 1 – Okotoks Business Park

Includes all highways within the Okotoks Business Park as follows:
Stockton Avenue, Stockton Point, Fisher Street, Fisher Crescent, Fisher Place, Fisher Gate, and Don Seaman Way.

Zone 2 – Southbank Business Park

Includes all highways within the Southbank Business Park from the east side of 32 Street to the East Town Limits and the north side of Highway 7 to the south bank of the Sheep River excluding any portion of a Recreation & Open Space District or Natural Areas District as defined in the Town of Okotoks Land Use Bylaw.


Okotoks
Truck Routes
TRUCK ROUTE SYSTEM
Schedule "C"
Truck Route
Unrestricted Truck Zones
Information Technology
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(**Bylaw 26-26**)

SCHEDULE "D"
PENALTIES

SECTION	OFFENCE	PENALTY
3.1	Driving a truck on a highway outside designated truck routes or unrestricted truck zones	$300.00
3.1	Driving a truck or semi-trailer exceeding 5,450 kg outside designated routes	$300.00
8.1	Failure to produce a registration certificate upon request	$300.00
8.3	Failure to comply with an order to weigh the vehicle at a certified scale	$300.00
9.1	Parking a truck outside a truck route or unrestricted truck zone	$300.00
9.2	Failure to pay removal and/or storage costs	$300.00