



The Corporation of the District of Tofino

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TOFINO, BC, July 10, 2009 – Idle-free Zone

During the Regular Council Meeting held on June 9th 2009, the Council of the District of Tofino adopted the District of Tofino Anti-Idling Bylaw No. 1087, 2009. This bylaw prohibits the idling of vehicles within the boundaries of the District of Tofino.

Excessive idling wastes an enormous amount of fuel and money and generates needless greenhouse gas emissions, which are detrimental to the environment. By turning off your engine when you park, you can save fuel, money and contribute to a healthier environment.

The District of Tofino is encouraging all residents to turn off their engines while stopped for more than 60 seconds, as even ten seconds of idling can use more fuel than turning off the engine and restarting it. Except under prescribed circumstances, vehicles idling for three minutes or longer will be subject to bylaw violation fines. The District is also encouraging businesses to display the enclosed anti-idling posters, signs, and information sheets at their place of business to promote awareness among visitors to Tofino.

“Turn your car off,” stated Mayor John Fraser, “it’s an easy thing to do to make a big difference in our air quality today and for future generations.”

For more information on this or any other District of Tofino initiatives, please contact the District Office at (250) 725-3229 during regular business hours or by e-mail at office@tofino.ca.

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