

# Stupid Tax

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While not one to advocate more taxes, this one sounds like it could be a magic bullet and solve a lot of problems. Regina needs a Stupid Tax!

Here is how the Stupid Tax works. Every citizen in the City of Regina will be issued a book of tickets, and empowered to write and hand out their allotment of citations. Every time you catch someone doing something stupid, you hand out a fine of Five dollars.

Someone doesn't know what a turning lane is to be used for: five dollars.

Driving down Ring Road with your turn signal indicator turned on: five dollars.

Parking in the loading zone in front of Walmart at the Southland Mall or in the loading zones front of the Safeway entrance at Victoria Square: five dollars (per car)

Standing in the 8 items or less line with a fully loaded shopping cart: five dollars.

Starting a campaign centered on wasting money on un-used libraries and keeping empty busses running: five dollars (times every candidate)

Every five dollar fine would go into the City coffers, and used to improve the City, fix roads, add even more parking meters to downtown Regina (five dollars), re-build the downtown core (five dollars), and some money could even be directed to doing something useful, like...building an even better City of Regina.

With all the stupid things just the candidates have done alone, the City employee pension plan deficit(s) would be paid up, streets would be completely devoid of snow, and we could have a budget surplus that would kick ass. And next election (federal, provincial, or municiple), we couldn't spend the money fast enough.

Sound like a plan? Keep an eye on your mailbox for your book of tickets arriving soon.

(Gotcha! Five dollars)

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