

An open letter to all Members of the Towing Industry from Doug Nelson

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I have received many, many calls from both non-members and members of our Associations with regards to a fax and phone-out campaign being initiated from a few individuals in Eastern Ontario. In my opinion, the purpose of this is to instill fear in the hearts of members of this industry over Bill 87. Undoubtedly we live in a democracy and everyone is entitled to their opinion. The issue I have is that what is being said is self serving and simply NOT THE TRUTH and I feel compelled to set the record straight.

Bill 87 was a last ditch effort to stave off government regulation that came up so rapidly that we had to respond immediately. Remember, the members of the PTAO and the ORG carry the cost of the office and staff and we have an enormous responsibility to our members first and foremost. That is not to say we carry our responsibilities lightly toward non-members. All this being said, myself and both Boards, have worked extremely hard at producing an acceptable alternative to full regulation.

In answer to the faxes and phone calls I now feel compelled to dispel the lies, myths and unfounded accusations being unfairly lobbied against the Associations, the Boards, our members and myself. I will be watching this very closely and will take the appropriate action against anyone slandering my name or that of any Board member. Now on to the TRUTH!!!!

Bill 87 is a Regulation to “**ALLOW SELF-REGULATION**” period. **Nothing more and nothing less!** Any operational regulations coming from this Bill will be a product of the Towing Industry Council of Ontario. This council will be represented by 12 members of the towing industry and eight from government and other stakeholders. The first council will be appointed by the Minister in charge; the Council (remember 12 tow operators and 8 stakeholders) will then set to work creating the By-Laws of the Towing Industry Council of Ontario which would include any and all Regulations for the Industry at large. None of this has been done and any allusion to it being done is simply NOT TRUE.

In conclusion, I can only tell you that in my opinion the faxes and phone calls you have been receiving are full of misconceptions and idle rhetoric. The creation of Bill 87 was the culmination of a lot of work by a lot of very informed people from the Tow Industry who have worked very hard at protecting your interest. Where were the naysayers when this was going on? What have they done for the industry besides trying to give it a bad name? I would suggest the best thing to do is attend one of the meetings at the Tow Show and find out the truth for yourselves!

In closing I urge you to ask yourself one question, are the opponents to Bill 87 part of the problem and perhaps the cause of regulation to be considered in the first place?

Best regards and stay safe



Doug Nelson
Executive Director

What Bill 87 WILL do for the industry is.....

1. Ensure the industry is **governed by those who know it best** (the Tow Operators of Ontario) in conjunction with the Ontario Government.
2. Eliminate all other forms of licencing and open the province to all operators to ensure the free movement of your customer's vehicles.
3. Will establish workable standards and qualifications which will be developed by the industry
4. Ensure a healthy and vibrant industry that is fair and equitable for everyone.
5. Establish congenial and effective communications with all stakeholders and motorists including the Ontario Government, Police Departments, Insurance Industry, Roadside Assistance Companies, Motorists, Ontario Truckers, Municipalities and many more.
6. Establish a working voice with the Police Departments in ensuring fair and equitable access to police towing.
7. Level the playing field for all tow companies including new entrants into the Industry.
8. Ensure the public is protected from those who wish to abuse their position when taking possession of a vehicle either with or without the owners consent or badgering a motorist into a tow.
9. Improve the reputation of the industry and make it easier to obtain quality help.
10. Establish a complaint tribunal in which the industry will participate to ensure the standards are followed.
11. Will allow for tow operators that are abusing the public or other stakeholders to be held accountable for their actions by the industry.
12. Will establish a much more workable solution to Highway Traffic Incident Management by establishing workable solutions for all qualified participants.
13. Over 90% of our members that have voted are in favour of Bill 87.
14. Bill 87 will protect the honest operators including the one truck independent to the 200 truck company.
15. The HONEST TOW OPERATOR has nothing to fear with Bill 87 and **everything to gain.**

Learn the TRUTH about BILL 87

You will see on the Tow Show 2008 Agenda that we will be holding two meetings at the DoubleTree Plaza Hotel on the 11th of September during the start of the Show.

There is a group that is trying to promote some Fear Mongering and opposition to this BILL by spreading a series of misconceptions and inaccuracies. Could it be that they are part of the problem the industry has been facing?

We are inviting all those who wish to learn the TRUTH about this Bill to attend one of these meetings and find out for yourself from many of the people that were involved in the process.

To guarantee you a seat we are asking you to pre-register so we can make the appropriate arrangements and seating available.

Please complete the information below and fax it to 705 645-0017 at your very earliest convenience. There is no charge to attend.

Yes I will attend the Bill 87 meeting as check marked

Morning Meeting []

Afternoon Meeting []

Name _____

Company _____

Address _____ City / Town _____

P/Code _____ Phone _____ Fax _____

Number of Attendees _____