

Town of Riverview

COUNCIL REPORT FORM



Presented to: Mayor & Council

Department: Corporate Services

Date: May 13, 2019

Subject: Traffic By-law Update

BACKGROUND

The current traffic by-law, which was first adopted in January 2013, has had nine separate amendments. In order to consolidate all of these amendments into one document, complete some housekeeping changes and add sections that will allow the by-law enforcement department to perform their duties easier, research was completed to create this new Traffic By-law.

In addition to the various housekeeping items, the following changes were made:

- 1) It was noted by our solicitor that some sections in our by-law duplicated or substantially duplicated sections of the Motor Vehicle Act. As the MVA provides that *"a local authority shall not make a by-law which duplicates or substantially duplicates any provision of the MVA"* these sections were removed as they would be deemed invalid.
- 2) It was suggested by our solicitor to remove the tall grass section from the Traffic By-law and have it stand alone as its own by-law. We have removed it and it will be presented for adoption on the same schedule as the Traffic By-law.
- 3) We added wording that specifically states no parking in designated fire lanes.
- 4) As suggested by our solicitor the fines imposed as a result of violation of this by-law have been updated to be in line with both the MVA and the Provincial Offences Procedure Act.
- 5) Removed parking restriction on east side of Runnymede Road due to the addition of the sidewalk.

CONSIDERATIONS

Legal:

The updated by-law was forwarded to our solicitors for review to ensure it was valid and compliant with the relevant regulations. Their suggestions were incorporated into the final version.

Stakeholders:

- Citizens
- By-law Enforcement Staff

Strategic Plan:

Strategic Theme: **A Safe and Welcoming Community**

- Promote Opportunities to Maintain Community Safety

Interdepartmental Consultation:

Corporate Services staff worked together with the By-law Enforcement Officer and the Engineering Committee to review the by-law and agree upon the various changes.

Communication Plan:

As per the Local Governance Act, the Traffic By-law will be posted on our website for a period of at least two weeks before second and third readings.

OPTIONS

Council may:

- 1) Make a motion to read the Traffic By-law for the first time by title only; or
- 2) Instruct staff to make further changes as they see fit.

RECOMMENDATION FROM STAFF

Staff recommends that first reading, by title only, be given to By-law 700-11, A By-law Relating to the Regulation of Traffic, Parking and the Use of Streets in the Town of Riverview.