



Corporation of the Municipality of Temagami

Memo No.
2020-M-120

Memorandum to Council

Subject: Review and Amendments to the Traffic By-law 09-826

Agenda Date: **September 17, 2020**

Attachments: Traffic By-law 09-826

RECOMMENDATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct Staff to review and recommend changes to the parking regulations in the Traffic By-law 09-826, as amended;

AND FURTHER THAT the recommended changes include new short form wordings and updated fines presented for Council's consideration;

AND FURTHER THAT appropriate steps be taken to streamline the process to forward the new set fines, short form wording, and other amendments to the Office of the Attorney General for Ontario for approval once Council has considered these amendments.

INFORMATION

After reviewing the Traffic By-law 09-826, as amended, it was determined that the current by-law has some deficiencies. It requires updating to ensure Staff have the appropriate tools to provide the public with enough information and options regarding parking throughout the municipality. The by-law not only sets out the parking regulations but provides the municipality with a tool to offset the economic cost of providing enforcement and maintaining parking regulations throughout the municipality. The by-law in its current state creates challenges for both Staff and the public. For example, when calls are received for parking concerns at the Access Rd, Staff address the parking with tickets that results in a large amount of time being dedicated to calls surrounding the tickets. Most complain the areas are not clearly signed while others feel the process is not fair.

Furthermore the current by-law has limitations and requires amendments to allow for proper enforcement of the prohibited parking areas. A thorough review of the prohibited parking areas and parking restrictions will be completed and included in amendments to the by-law. The by-law needs to provide clarity in the parking rules and the signage throughout the Municipality and needs to clearly reflect the rules. Staff will consult with the OPP on the recommended amendments as the Traffic By-law is inclusive of moving violations and other traffic matters which would be enforced by the OPP.

Staff recommend that a complete review of the by-law, the short form wordings and the fines be completed for Council's consideration and approval. If new by-law amendments are approved by Council, the by-law amendments will need approval from the Attorney General's (AG) office which will take some time.

Staff are of the opinion that the review is necessary to provide greater clarify. The current by-law's set fines and short form wordings also need to be updated to reflect any amendments which are approved hence the need for the AGs approval.

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