

REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY CLERK AND ACCESSIBILITY COORDINATOR

Re: Amending By-Law 02-18

RECOMMENDATION

That sections 1.10, 1.22, 18.00, 18.01, 18.02, 18.03, 18.05, 23.06, and an addition of Schedule N to By-Law 02-18, being a By-Law to provide for the regulation of traffic within the City of Elliot Lake, be amended to reflect current language related to accessible parking and short form wording and set fines;

And that Council pass the appropriate amending by-law.

BACKGROUND

Language in the City's current traffic by-law refers to handicapped parking spaces, and there is no specific schedule with short form wording or set fines in regards to accessible parking spaces.

To begin to bring the City's traffic by-law up-to-date staff have identified first the accessible parking language and definition issue.

ANALYSIS

Tickets have been issued to those parking in an accessible parking space when their Ministry issued accessible parking pass has not been visible. Many of these tickets have been thrown out in Court due to the out of date and unclear language in our traffic by-law.

The goal of the City's By-Law Department is first to inform and educate before serving tickets, however sometimes tickets are necessary if the former is not working.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The financial impact to the City has been a loss in revenue from tickets being thrown out in Court. The below chart shows the amending Schedule N to the traffic by-law:

SHORT FORM WORDING / SET FINES FOR ACCESSIBLE PARKING

Park in designated accessible parking space without displaying permit in vehicle	\$300.00
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Park in designated accessible parking space without properly displaying permit	\$45
Fail to produce valid Ministry issued accessible parking pass	\$75.00

These fines are in accordance with section 23.00, penalties, and neighbouring municipalities.

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Strong Municipal Corporate Administration and Governance:

- Review and update by-laws, policies, and procedures

SUMMARY

This is a small portion of the changes that need to be made to the City's traffic by-law. Staff will be doing a deeper dive into this by-law over the winter months and will be bringing a repealing by-law back to the committee in the Spring. For now, it is recommended that the before mentioned amendments be made.