



Subject: Parking and Traffic By-law (89-2000)

To: Council

From: Community Safety & Enforcement Department

Report Number: 2022-79

Meeting Date: April 26, 2022

Recommendation:

That Community Safety and Enforcement Department Report 2022-79 be received; and

That Council approve repealing By-law 89-2000, as amended, a by-law to provide for parking and traffic regulations, prohibitions, and enforcement; and

That Council approve enacting as a re-enactment By-law 89-2000 attached as Appendix A to Community Safety & Enforcement Department Report 2022-79.

Purpose:

This report is presented to Council recommending that Parking and Traffic By-law (89-2000) (the “By-law”), as amended, be repealed and re-enacted.

The original By-law is comprised of hundreds of amendments. The purpose of the repeal and re-enactment is threefold:

- (a) to allow for the consolidation of the by-law;
- (b) to address the need for several housekeeping amendments, and
- (c) to address the need for certain other amendments;

while maintaining the same By-law number for consistency and ease of enforcement.

Background:

The By-law was enacted in 1989.

A consistent, companion by-law was passed by all area municipalities and the Region of Niagara.

The By-law is still in place in Port Colborne, however, over the years there have been several amendments to the by-law and hundreds of amendments to the schedules. This has resulted in a cumbersome by-law.

Discussion:

In order to keep the same number and avoid a new number, Bylaw 89-2000 can be repealed, and re-enacted in the consolidated form, and with several additional amendments that are required and described below.

The consolidated by-law for re-enactment, includes some minor housekeeping amendments that were deemed necessary. The proposed By-law also contains the following recommended changes, which are identified in Appendix B:

- Updating the By-law with measurements instead of landmarks, such as Vimy School property.
- Name changes, such as Stoner Street to Christian Stoner Street and Vimy Road to Vimy Ridge Road.
- Correcting ownership of roads that were transferred between the Region and the City, such as Killaly Street West and Mellanby Avenue.
- Section 205.01.10 increase from 12 hours to 48 hours, to assist with multi vehicle families and limited parking.

Once repealed, the By-law will be immediately re-enacted as By-law 89-2000.

Council members will note that some current schedules in the proposed re-enactment are empty. These are in place as placeholders to ensure consistency with the Region of Niagara's Parking and Traffic By-law, should any roads transfer authority. Furthermore, because the Niagara Regional Police enforces the By-law, it is crucial to have a consistent by-law number throughout the Region. This is one of the reasons why the By-law must remain as By-law 89-2000, and why staff are recommending a repeal and immediate re-enactment with the same number. There are no substantive changes to the By-law except as set out above and in Appendix B to this report.

Internal Consultations:

Public Works has identified that this will allow them to easily investigate, identify and communicate various restrictions with this updated By-law. Administration and efficiency will be increased with all information in a single document.

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications.

Strategic Plan Alignment:

The initiative contained within this report supports the following pillar(s) of the strategic plan:

- Service and Simplicity - Quality and Innovative Delivery of Customer Services
 - Governance: Communications, Engagement, and Decision-Making
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Conclusion:

Staff recommend the proposed re-enactment of the consolidated Parking & Traffic By-law (89-2000) together with the housekeeping and additional updates that are outlined in Appendix B.

Appendices:

- a. Proposed (full version) Re-enactment of By-law 89-2000, Parking and Traffic
- b. For reference - the housekeeping and additional amendments made to By-law 89-2000

Respectfully submitted,

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Report Approval:

All reports reviewed and approved by the Department Director and also the City Treasurer when relevant. Final review and approval by the Chief Administrative Officer.