



Subject: Administrative Monetary Tier Penalty – Cat By-law

To: Council

From: Community Safety & Enforcement Department

Report Number: 2023-111

Meeting Date: June 13, 2022

Recommendation:

That Community Safety and Enforcement Department Report 2023-111 be received;

That By-law 4949/5/07, Being a By-law to Provide for the Control of Cats in the City of Port Colborne be amended to allow for penalties under the Administrative Monetary System; and

That By-law 6902/50/21, Being a By-law to Establish a System for Administrative Penalties for Non-Parking Offences Within the City of Port Colborne be amended to include fines for Control of Cat By-law 4949/5/07.

Purpose:

This report is being presented to Council for review and approval of the Control of Cat By-law tiered administrative monetary penalty system (AMPS) and this report also recommends the addition of AMPs to the Control of Cat By-law 4949/5/07.

Background:

Presently the only enforcement tool for the Control of Cat By-law is seizure of the cat or laying a Part III Information and attending court.

Discussion:

Niagara SPCA and Humane Society has requested enforcement tools that will assist them in enforcing cats being permitted or allowed to be at large or defecate on public or private property other than the owner's property. By-law Services Division reviewed the

existing by-law and proposed an amendment to the Penalties section of the by-law to allow for Administrative Monetary Penalty enforcement.

This tool will be beneficial in controlling cats that are permitted to be at large or defecate on public or private property other than the owner's property.

Financial Implications:

Penalties are progressive as outlined in the appended Administrative Penalties by-law attached. Uncollected penalties will be added to property tax accounts in accordance with the Administrative Monetary Tier by-law.

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
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Conclusion:

Staff believe that the tiered penalty system will curb offenders and the fees collected will be applied directly to the tax roll of the property, resulting in a higher recovery rate and garnering compliance from property owners in a timely manner.

Appendices:

- a. Amendment to Schedule B of Bylaw 6902/50/21

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.