



MUNICIPALITY OF **West Elgin**

Staff Report

Report To: Council Meeting
From: Jana Nethercott, Clerk
Date: 2023-01-26
Subject: Parking By-law

Recommendation:

That West Elgin Council hereby receives the report from Jana Nethercott, Clerk re: Parking By-law for Council's consideration

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council direction on updating the Parking By-law

Background:

West Elgin and other Elgin County Municipalities jointly adopted the Elgin County Parking By-law in November of 2001, along with entering into an agreement with the County for Provincial Offences Administration. The Parking By-law included with it Set Fines and Short Form Wording, which are a list of the fines levied for contravening the by-law. There were several advantages for the local municipal partners to all adopt the County's by-law, allowing local by-law enforcement officials to enforce parking control on County roads, having standardized parking infractions and enforcement across the County and having the County legal team write and apply for the set fines with the Ministry of the Attorney General. Each municipality was able to amend schedules which are the particulars for each municipality.

The recent parking enforcement blitz brought to the attention that this by-law is over 20 years old and has not seen an increase in the set fines. Staff are under the opinion that this by-law needs a review due to the age and low rates of fines. In doing research it appears that Central Elgin is the only local municipal to repeal and replace the by-law in order to increase the set fines and fine tune some of the provisions. Staff have reached out to Central Elgin and the process they went through is basically as described above and took roughly 6-8 months.

Staff's recommendation is to send a letter to County Council and other Elgin County local municipal partners to request a review of the Elgin County Parking By-law EC-01 along with the set fines. In looking at the local municipal partners websites, it appears that Central Elgin is the only municipality to do a review and update to the by-law and set fines, this was completed in March of 2022. Staff spoke to Central Elgin and was informed that they worked with the County Legal department to write new short form wording and set fines and that it took them a long time to get these approved through the Ministry of the Attorney General (which is required for set fines). Central Elgin was unique in that they were required to add additional set fines and short form wording as part of the paid parking at the beach. Staff believe, however that it is past the time for a comprehensive review of the parking by-law and set fines county wide

Financial Implications:

Increased set fines could lead to increased revenues from Provincial Offences, which is an alternative revenue source

Respectfully submitted,

Jana Nethercott
Clerk