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REPORT

TO: Mayor Lawlor and Members of Council

FROM: Valerie Petryniak, Town Clerk & Director of Legislative Services

DATE: May 13, 2025

REPORT NO.: ADMIN-2025-013

SUBJECT: Amendments to various Designated By-laws listed in the AMPS By-law 2025-0008

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. ADMIN-2025-013 dated May 13, 2025 regarding Amendments to various Designated By-laws listed in the AMPS By-law 2025-0008, be received;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the amendments to the various by-laws as outlined in this report;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve and adopt the amending by-law attached as Appendix A to this report.

KEY POINTS:

The following are key points for consideration with respect to this report:

- The Town is moving to Administrative Monetary Penalties for many of its regulatory by-laws that are non-parking.
- The new AMPS By-law No. 2025-0008 has 20 by-laws designated to be enforced through the AMPS program.
- Consistency is required across all of the designated by-laws to reflect no hindering or obstructing an officer during their investigation.
- Nine of the current by-laws do not have this offence listed and staff are suggesting amending the original by-laws to include this offence.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

On February 10, 2025, Council approved and adopted By-law No. 2025-0008 being a by-law to establish a System of Administrative Monetary Penalties for regulatory by-laws, other than parking.

Twenty (20) “designated by-laws” that will be enforced through AMPS were listed and identified through the schedules of the AMPS By-law. Each schedule identifies each offence and the corresponding penalty amount for 1st, 2nd and continuous offences.

In order to maintain consistency throughout all of the designated by-laws it was realized that some of them were missing an important prohibition clause for hindering and obstructing an officer.

The following by-laws require amendments:

By-law No.	By-law Name	Schedule No. in By-law 2025-0008	New Offence
2002-0060	Fence	H1 & H2	No Person shall hinder or obstruct, or attempt to hinder or obstruct, an Officer who is exercising a power or performing a duty under this By-law.
94-074	Discharge of Firearms	E1 & E2	No Person shall hinder or obstruct, or attempt to hinder or obstruct, an Officer who is exercising a power or performing a duty under this By-law.
2018-0028	Driveway Widening	F1 & F2	No Person shall hinder or obstruct, or attempt to hinder or obstruct, an Officer who is exercising a power or performing a duty under this By-law.
92-199	Excavation	G1 & G2	No Person shall hinder or obstruct, or attempt to hinder or obstruct, an Officer who is exercising a power or performing a duty under this By-law.
2019-0008	Road Fouling	K1 & K2	No Person shall hinder or obstruct, or attempt to hinder or obstruct, an Officer who is exercising a power or performing a duty under this By-law.
2005-0083	Idling	L1 & L2	No Person shall hinder or obstruct, or attempt to hinder or obstruct, an Officer who is

			exercising a power or performing a duty under this By-law.
2008-0137	Property Standards	P1 & P2	No Person shall hinder or obstruct, or attempt to hinder or obstruct, an Officer who is exercising a power or performing a duty under this By-law.
94-077	Responsible Pet	Q1 & Q2	No Person shall hinder or obstruct, or attempt to hinder or obstruct, an Officer who is exercising a power or performing a duty under this By-law.
2003-0065	Signs	R1 & R2	No Person shall hinder or obstruct, or attempt to hinder or obstruct, an Officer who is exercising a power or performing a duty under this By-law.

Once the original by-laws are amended by the above reference, the schedules in By-law 2025-0008 that pertain to each of the above noted by-laws will need to be updated to include this new offence. For each of the respective schedules the following will be added:

Section of Designated By-law	Contraventions	First Penalty Notice (per day)	Second Penalty Notice (per day)	Subsequent Penalty Notices (per day)
(relevant to each designated by-law)	No Person shall hinder or obstruct, or attempt to hinder or obstruct, an Officer who is exercising a power or performing a duty under this By-law.	\$300	\$400	\$500

The addition to these by-laws will help ensure enforcement staff can have a similar approach to each by-law they are enforcing, and will provide the officers with another approach to gain compliance.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This report is administrative in nature and does not have an impact on the Town's Strategic Plan.

RELATIONSHIP TO CLIMATE CHANGE:

This report is administrative in nature and does not directly impact or address climate change and the Town's Net Zero target.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT:

Public Engagement was not needed as this report is administrative in nature.

INTERNAL CONSULTATION:

The Manager of Enforcement Services and Senior MLEO were consulted in the changes proposed in this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

This report is administrative in nature and does not have any financial implications.

Reviewed and approved by,

Chris Mills, Chief Administrative Officer