



Report to: General Committee

Date Report Authored: September 27, 2012

SUBJECT: A By-law to Appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers
PREPARED BY: B. Wiles, Manager, By-law Enforcement & Licensing, ext. 4851

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) THAT the report titled "*A By-law to Appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers*" be received; and,
- 2) THAT Attachment "A" – "*The Proposed By-law to Appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers*" be enacted; and further,
- 3) That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

PURPOSE:

To streamline the appointment of Municipal Law Enforcement Officers enforcing the City's various regulatory by-laws.

BACKGROUND:

Municipal Law Enforcement Officers in Markham are currently appointed under the *Municipal Law Enforcement Officers Appointment By-law 2002-178*. Municipal Law Enforcement Officers work in a number of different City departments as well as for City contractors like the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (OSPCA) and private firms that enforce the City's *Parking Control By-law 2005-178*.

OPTIONS/ DISCUSSION:

Under the current by-law, when a new Municipal Law Enforcement Officer is hired or leaves the City's employ, the by-law has to be amended to reflect the change. In addition to maintaining a listing of appointed Municipal Law Enforcement Officers, the current by-law also includes a listing of the approved Private Property Parking Enforcement Firms and the properties they are approved to issue parking infraction notices on, in Markham.

The proposed by-law will create efficiencies by eliminating the necessity to amend the by-law each time an employee is hired or leaves the City's employ, as well as when a new Private Property Parking Enforcement firm is approved or their authority to issue parking infraction notices is revoked. Currently, staff are required to prepare a by-law amendment and the amendment must be adopted at Council each time a staffing change occurs.

The proposed by-law will streamline this process by eliminating the need for by-law amendments:

1. City staff will be appointed as Municipal Law Enforcement Officers by virtue of their employment with the City; and
2. Contractors such as the OSPCA and approved private firms that enforce the City's *Parking Control By-law 2005-178*, will be appointed by virtue of employment with the City contractor or the approved Private Property Parking Enforcement firm.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS AND TEMPLATE:

None

HUMAN RESOURCES CONSIDERATIONS:

None

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

The adoption of the proposed by-law promotes the concept of "*continuous improvement*" identified in the City's Strategic Priorities.


BUSINESS UNITS CONSULTED AND AFFECTED:

Legal
Building Standards
Engineering
Environmental Services
Fire & Emergency Services
Planning & Urban Design
Operations

RECOMMENDED BY:

10/11/2012

11/10/2012

X 

Martha Pettit
Acting City Clerk

X 

Trinela Cane
Commissioner, Corporate Services

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment "A" - Proposed By-law to "Appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers"