



# INFORMATION REPORT

<b>TO:</b>	Chair and Members Planning Committee
<b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b>	May 16, 2017
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b>	Parking Enforcement by the Hamilton Police Service (PED17079) (City Wide)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	City Wide
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**Council Direction:**

n/a

**Information:**

Since the formation of Regional Government in 1974, parking enforcement in Hamilton has been a shared responsibility of the Hamilton Police Service (HPS) and City staff. City Parking Enforcement Officers generally work 23 hrs a day, 6 days a week (i.e. from 6:45am to 5:45am Monday to Saturday (overnight inclusive)). The HPS solely enforce parking complaints on Sundays. As parking enforcement is a very low priority for the HPS, the majority of parking complaints received on Sundays are often left unresolved until City staff commences their shift at 10:00pm Sunday evening.

In 2009 City Council approved a \$519K capital budget allocation to purchase new parking ticket management software and handheld computerized issuance equipment. Effective February 1, 2011, City staff began issuing electronic generated parking tickets, but the HPS continues to issue handwritten parking tickets (an average of only 500 per year). The City provides the HPS with parking ticket stock and all Police tickets are reviewed and keypunched into the system by City staff.

There is no longer a cost/benefit to the City, in providing paper parking tickets for the HPS, as the cost of printing and staff time for processing is more than the amount gained through enforcement fees. Therefore, City staff and the HPS agree that it would be appropriate for the Police to stop writing parking tickets, and that the issuance of parking tickets be the sole responsibility of City staff. The HPS will continue to provide

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support for emergency situations which may require vehicle towing. There will be no staff available to respond to parking complaints on Sundays between 5:45am and 10:00pm., except for Police when an emergency requires their response.

Therefore, effective July 31, 2017, the City will no longer be providing paper parking tickets for the HPS. The alternative would be for the HPS to purchase their own ticket stock or for the HPS to expend capital funds for handheld parking equipment (which is not fiscally practical).

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