



CITY OF HAMILTON
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Licensing and By-law Services Division

TO:	Chair and Members Planning Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	April 30, 2019
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	By-law Enforcement Strategy Update (PED08263(c)) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the updated By-law Enforcement Priority Framework attached as Appendix “A” to Report PED08263(c) be approved.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Report recommends updating the Licensing and By-law Services Comprehensive By-law Enforcement Strategy in accordance with new initiatives and by-law changes approved by Council that was last revised in 2015.

Alternatives for Consideration – Not Applicable

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

City Council, on November 26, 2008, approved a Comprehensive By-law Enforcement Strategy including by-law prioritization, more effective enforcement efforts, minimizing non-value added work and a public awareness campaign. The strategy is used to comprehensively manage performance and to focus staff’s efforts on the enforcement issues deemed by Council to be most important to the community.

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The By-law Enforcement Priority Strategy was previously updated by City Council on May 11, 2011 and again on August 14, 2015.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

N/A

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

N/A

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

In the interest of quality of life and public health and safety, the Licensing and By-law Services Division enforces over 50 by-laws/illegal activities within the Municipal Law Enforcement, Licensing and Animal Services sections as detailed in Appendix “A” to this Report.

It is not practical to focus proactive enforcement efforts on all of these by-laws all of the time with current staff resources. Therefore, it is critical that some form of prioritization system be adopted and implemented so that staff can focus on the enforcement issues deemed by Council to be most important to the community.

It is necessary to update the by-law enforcement priorities to reflect adjustments between the enforcement teams and a number of new initiatives and by-law changes since the priorities were last updated in 2015, including the Parks By-law and Waterfall Enforcement.

Other minor wording changes have been made to update the document, but no material changes are included which were not approved by City Council.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

N/A

ALIGNMENT TO THE 2016 – 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

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APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix "A" – By-law Enforcement Priority Framework

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