
MEMORANDUM

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Subject: Business Licensing Transition Update and Opening for Business

Date: May 17, 2019

To: Region Chair and members of Regional Council

From: Angelo Apfelbaum, Manager Business Licensing

The transitioning of business licensing responsibilities from Niagara Regional Police to the Region will take place on June 1st. The licensing responsibilities include transportation, towing, second-hand shops, salvage yards and auto wrecking businesses.

Delegation of authority by-laws have been passed in St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, Thorold, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Welland and Fort Erie. The by-laws provide the Region the authority to regulate, license and inspect adult entertainment establishments in all six local area municipalities. It also includes body rub establishments for St. Catharines and Niagara Falls.

Staff have been recruited and will be stationed at the SAEO office located at 5853 Peer Street, 2nd floor, Niagara Falls. A web page is being developed that will contain further information including business and operating hours, forms, by-laws and fees.

Communication to impacted industries and businesses was through an information mail out in mid-April. An information poster was also provided to Niagara Regional Police in early May to be posted at police headquarters.

The remaining communication outreach will be:

- Bell Media radio ads May 20 – June 2
- Newspaper ads (Niagara-This-Week) – May 23 and May 30
- Media Release – May 23
- Social Media (Twitter/Facebook) – May 21, May 23, May 31, June 4

The final transfer of information from Niagara Regional Police will take place on Saturday June 1st and the Region's Business Licensing office will be open for business on Tuesday June 4th.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

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