
Memorandum

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Subject: Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer Appointments

Date: December 4, 2024

To: Corporate Services Committee

From: Angelo Apfelbaum, Manager, Business Licensing

Niagara Region's Business Licensing Division primarily provides licensing and enforcement services for the following Regional By-laws:

- Adult Entertainment Parlour Licensing By-law 2018-76
- Taxicab and TNC By-law 2021-57
- Vehicle for Hire By-law 2021-58
- Salvage Business By-law 2021-59
- Second-Hand Goods Business By-law 2021-60

The Business Licensing Division, through delegated authority to the Region, administers and enforces local adult entertainment and body rub parlour by-laws for the Cities of St. Catharines and Niagara Falls and the Adult Entertainment By-law for the City of Thorold.

The Business Licensing Division is also requested, from time to time, to provide support for the enforcement of other Regional by-laws or Provincial or Federal Legislation.

Regional Council may appoint Municipal By-Law Enforcement Officers pursuant to the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, S.O. 2019, c.1, Sched. subsection 55(1) and when appointed are deemed Peace Officers pursuant to subsection 55(2) of the same Act. Municipal By-law enforcement officers are further designated as Provincial Offences Officers under the Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.33, subsection 1(1)(d).

These appointments allow Licensing and Enforcement Officers the ability to enforce Regional By-laws, designated local municipal by-laws, Provincial and Federal legislation and use enforcement provisions contained in the Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.33 and the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25.

Due to staffing changes within the Business Licensing Division, it is necessary to seek Council approval of an updated list of proposed appointees. The following individuals are employees of Niagara Region, within the Business Licensing Division, and are trained and qualified to provide municipal enforcement services:

- Vanessa Blair, Licensing Enforcement Officer (New Appointment)
- Ken MacLean, Licensing Enforcement Officer (New Appointment)
- William “Cody” Dwyer, Licensing Enforcement Officer (New Appointment)
- Jim Cross, Licensing Enforcement Officer (New Appointment)
- Pam Medvesky, Licensing Enforcement Officer (Previous Appointment)
- Michael Langelaan, Licensing Enforcement Officer (Previous Appointment)
- Sean Elliott, Licensing Enforcement Officer (Previous Appointment)
- Angelo Apfelbaum, Manager, Business Licensing (Previous Appointment)

It is therefore recommended that these individuals be appointed as Municipal By-law Enforcement Officers. A by-law to formalize the appointments will be placed on the December 12, 2024, Regional Council agenda for Council’s consideration.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

Angelo Apfelbaum
Manager, Business Licensing