



## The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh

Legislative & Clerk Services

**To:** Mayor and Members of Council

**From:** Robert Auger, Director Legislative Services & Clerk

**Date to Council:** Tuesday, February 25, 2025

**Report Number:** LCS-2025-03

**Subject:** Amendment to By-Law 2001-36 Traffic By-Law

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### Recommendations

It is recommended:

**That** Report LCS-2025-03 entitled Amendment to By-Law 2001-26 Traffic By-Law, **be received;**

**And that** By-Law 2025-018 amending the Traffic By-Law 2001-36 **be considered** for first, second, third and final reading.

### Background

By-Law 2001-36, being a by-law to regulate traffic and parking highways and private roadways under the jurisdiction of The Corporation of the Town of Tecumseh was adopted on October 9, 2001. Over the years, there has been several amendments to the by-law for parking provisions on identified roadways regarding stopping and parking regulations.

In July 2024, Council received report [CRS-2024-18](#) entitled "Town of Tecumseh Parking Lots" and recommended amendments to the Traffic By-Law 2001-36 (Traffic By-Law) be proposed for Council's consideration at a future meeting regarding signage at Town owned parking lots for dedicated parking, identifying designated parking during certain hours, and enforcement of parking violations to promote compliance. In review of the current Traffic By-law, the by-law does not provide for enforcement of violations relating

to parking in no parking zones in parking lots owned by the Town of Tecumseh. This means that there is currently no specified offence and no related fine and/or penalty for violations thereof.

Additionally, Council by way of resolution RCM - 155/24 asked Administration to undertake a review of the current Traffic By-Law 2001-36 to determine if there are further recommended by-law amendments pertaining to better defining the types and uses of trailers and vehicles that may be subject to restrictions and/or a prohibition on street parking in regard to residential areas. In particular, regulation relating to the parking of recreational vehicles on residential streets is not currently regulated in the by-law.

## Comments

Administration has assessed the Traffic By-Law for current municipal trends and best practices; and noted that substantial updating is required to this by-law to meet current trends and the ability to enforcement compliance. At the current time an amending by-law is recommended to address more immediate matters including ensuring additional enforcement measures through the Town's Administrative Monetary Penalties System (AMPS). In collaboration with Public Works and Environmental Services Department, a broader review of the By-law will be conducted which will result in a new proposed traffic by-law (consolidated) for presentment to Council at a future meeting in Q3.

In By-Law 2025-018 appended on the agenda, the draft amending by-law is presented for Council's consideration with the following amendments:

- 1.) New definitions have been added in Section 2 for AMPS, Officer and Recreational Vehicle for greater clarity for by-law enforcement. AMPS and Officer were revised for consistency with other identified by-laws participating in the Town's AMPS.
- 2.) In the last few years, the popularity of recreational vehicles has increased as people head outdoors for outdoor leisure. As a result, many people have purchased recreational vehicles and store them at their residence. As mentioned, recreational vehicles are not specifically captured in the Traffic By-law and the current definitions relating to trailers do not appear to include such vehicles. The new Recreational Vehicle definition now clearly describes such vehicles and includes all-terrain vehicles, boats, personal watercrafts, motorized campers, and other similar vehicles. With the addition of this definition, residents and Town staff will have greater clarity on the provisions of the by-law for compliance.
- 3.) In the proposed amendments recreational vehicles are not permitted to park on roadways except for limited times and specific purposes as identified specific times Section 5 (q) of the amending By-law which provides for Recreational

Vehicle parking only between April 16 to November 14 for the purposes of either loading or unloading goods and materials from the said recreational vehicle and for not more than three (3) consecutive days in a 30-day period.

4.) In Section 5, Parking and Stopping, provisions have been added to address Town owned parking lots and enforcement:

“e) Parking Prohibited Where Authorized Sign is on Display

(xii) where an Authorized Sign is on display, no person shall Park a Vehicle at any time in the following places:

(xiv) in any Town owned parking lot associated with a Town facility, park or other property as identified, may be amended from time to time at the discretion of the Municipality.

Every person who contravenes any of the provisions of Section 5(e) would be guilty of an offence and subject to such fines and/or penalties as may be proscribed in the By-law.”

These provisions would further assist the Town to enforce and designate parking restrictions at any Town owned parking lot including the Cada Library parking lot.

Finally, the Traffic By-Law has been identified to participate in the Town’s AMPS. As a result, AMPS provisions have been added to support enforceability so that tickets can be issued if necessary for non-compliance. A penalties schedule will be forthcoming with allocated penalties(fines) to various offences for consideration at the next Regular Council meeting. Once the schedule has been adopted, penalty notices can be laid for violations to the by-law.

## **Consultations**

Community & Recreation Services  
Public Works & Engineering Services

## **Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications with this report.

## Link to Strategic Priorities

Applicable	<a href="#">2023-2026 Strategic Priorities</a>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sustainable Growth: Achieve prosperity and a livable community through sustainable growth.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Health and Inclusion: Integrate community health and inclusion into our places and spaces and everything we do.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Service Experience: Enhance the experience of Team Tecumseh and our citizens through responsive and respectful service.

## Communications

Not applicable

Website     Social Media     News Release     Local Newspaper

This report has been reviewed by Senior Administration as indicated below and recommended for submission by the Chief Administrative Officer.

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<b>Attachment Number</b>	<b>Attachment Name</b>
None	None