

COMMUNICATION 131064

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Topic: New Refreshment Vehicle By-law to Repeal By-law 16-2016

SUMMARY

The Town's Refreshment Vehicle By-law has been reviewed by staff which has resulted in a number of suggested updates which are included in the proposed draft By-law.

Recommended changes include:

- provisions for additional types of refreshment vehicles, including mobile ice cream trucks and bicycles;
- provisions to better accommodate servicing special events;
- greater flexibility regarding the location of refreshment vehicles;
- the removal of restrictive parking requirements;
- minor administrative changes such as correcting spelling, numbering, updated wording, etc.

DISCUSSION

The definitions section of the draft By-law has been broadened in terms of what can be considered to be a Refreshment Vehicle. This definition now includes different vehicles such as an ice cream bicycle, mobile ice cream trucks, and mobile canteens.

Previously the By-law required four (4) dedicated parking spots for each located refreshment vehicle. It is recommended that this requirement be removed to allow for greater flexibility in terms of future permitted locations. Patrons are able to use either public parking or private parking (as provided through an agreement with a property owner). The removal of this requirement is also meant to encourage active transportation within the community and the Ottawa Valley Rail Trail (OVRT) while providing increased food options in areas where there are frequent pedestrians and cyclists.

An additional provision has been added to require that all vehicles, or towable trailers be plated, per the *Highway Traffic Act*.

Lastly, the map indicating pre-approved locations has been replaced with a listing, to easily enable future amendments.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approve the 2020 Refreshment Vehicle By-law, and that By-laws 16-2016 and 33-2017 be repealed.