

Staff Report

To: Mayor Bazinet and Members of Council
Report From: Dave Duncan, Municipal Law Enforcement Manager
Meeting Date: March 17, 2025
Subject: Seasonal Parking Enforcement Officer

Recommendation:

That Goderich Town Council receive this report for information;

And Further That Council approve hiring an additional Seasonal Parking Enforcement Officer.

Report Summary:

Increasing call rates and the increasing number of visitors to the waterfront requires an additional Seasonal Parking Enforcement Officer at the waterfront.

Background and Analysis:

In 2024, the Municipal Law Enforcement Department assumed the responsibility for enforcing the boat launch parking area, and maintenance of the waterfront and boat launch meters. These items became a part of the seasonal Parking Enforcement Officer's duties. In 2025, amendments are being made to the Parks and Facilities By-Law, specifically the prohibition of solid fuel barbecues, which will also be added to their duties. The current enforcement schedule ends at 5 PM. With an additional Parking Enforcement Officer, the paid parking hours could be extended through the dinner period to 7 PM.

The Town continues to see an increase in visitors to the waterfront, noted in the increase in use of the paid parking meters. There has also been an annual increase in tickets written at the waterfront. The added activity in the community has also shown increased call volumes to the Municipal Law Enforcement Department, especially during the summer months. An additional seasonal Parking Enforcement Officer would assist in enforcing by-laws at the waterfront and allow for the Municipal Law Enforcement Department to continue to service the remainder of the Town.

Linkage:

- Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #1: Safe and Reliable Infrastructure
- Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #2: Welcoming and Caring Community
- Corporate Strategic Plan Priority #4: Good Government

Financial Impacts and/or Source of Funding:

An additional Seasonal Parking Enforcement Officer would cost approximately \$14,000.00 in wages, and \$1,000.00 in equipment. This expense could be recovered by increasing the paid parking hours from 9 AM – 5 PM to 9 AM – 7 PM.

Consulted With:

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