



REPORT

Council

Meeting Date: April 27, 2026

FROM: Oakville Fire Department

DATE: April 14, 2026

SUBJECT: By-Law 2026-026, A by-law to amend By-law 1981-066 (The Fire Route By-Law)

LOCATION: Town-wide

WARD: Town-wide

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RECOMMENDATION:

That By-Law 2026-026, a by-law to amend By-Law 1981-066 (The Fire Route By-Law) be passed.

KEY FACTS:

The following are key points for consideration with respect to this report:

- By-Law 1981-066 designates certain private roadways as fire routes.
- Fire Routes are required for certain buildings specified in the Ontario Building and Ontario Fire Codes.
- The Fire Department has reviewed several applications for a new fire route at various locations in the Town and is recommending them for approval by Council.

BACKGROUND:

By-Law 1981-066 designates fire routes for buildings at specified locations in the Town. The provisions of the Ontario Building Code require a fire route for any property containing: a building that is more than three storeys in height; a building that is more than 600 m² in building area; a self-serve storage building; or portable classrooms that are not otherwise exempt. When buildings are renovated, revisions may also be required to an existing fire route. The Fire Department has received several applications for a new fire route at various locations in the town as set out in Appendix A

COMMENT/OPTIONS:

The Fire Department has reviewed and approved the applications for a new fire route at the subject properties. A fire route is required for these properties in accordance with the Ontario Building Code. Staff recommend that the proposed By-law amendment set out in Appendix A, incorporating new fire routes for the subject properties, be passed.

CONSIDERATIONS:

(A) PUBLIC

Fire routes have been designated for the safety of the public. In the event of an emergency, it is critical that emergency vehicles can respond to the needs of residents without any roadway impediments.

(B) FINANCIAL

There is no financial impact for the Fire Department. A fee is paid by an applicant to process a fire route application.

(C) IMPACT ON OTHER DEPARTMENTS & USERS

Enforcement of parking in a designated fire route is conducted by the Town's Parking Control Operations.

(D) CORPORATE STRATEGIC GOALS

This report addresses the corporate strategic goal(s) to:

- continuously improve our programs and services
- be accountable in everything we do
- be the most livable town in Canada

(E) CLIMATE CHANGE/ACTION

This issue addresses the economic sustainability of the community.

APPENDICES:

Appendix A - By-Law 2026-026

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