

REPORT

COUNCIL MEETING

MEETING DATE: AUGUST 11, 2014

FROM: Fire Department

DATE: July 17, 2014

SUBJECT: By-law 2014-098, being a by-law to amend By-law 1981-66 (The Fire Route By-law)

LOCATION:

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RECOMMENDATION:

That By-law 2014-098, 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 Code*.
- 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 600m² 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.

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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, incorporating new fire routes for the subject properties, be passed.

By-law 2014-098 is located under the by-law section of the agenda.

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 are able to 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 AND/OR DEPARTMENT STRATEGIC GOALS

This report addresses the corporate strategic goal to:

- be accountable
- continuously improve our programs and services
- to be the most livable town in Canada

(E) COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY

This issue addresses the economic sustainability of the community.

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