



The Corporation of the Town of Milton

Report To:	Council
From:	Meaghen Reid, Director, Legislative & Legal Services/Deputy Clerk
Date:	June 22, 2020
Report No:	CORS-037-20
Subject:	Amendments to Parks By-law 072-2006
Recommendation:	That the necessary by-law, included on the June 22, 2020 Council Agenda, be approved.

REPORT

Background

In light of the current COVID-19 pandemic, staff have reviewed the enforcement provisions within Parks By-law 72-2006.

The proposed by-law amendments include: a minor clean-up of definitions and wording, more flexible means of providing notice to the public of closures and provides the Mayor with delegated authority to enact emergency park rules, including physical distancing requirements, during periods where an emergency has been declared under sections 4 or 7 of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA).

Due to recent provincial announcements, restrictions with respect to social gathering have changed and staff continue to use an educational approach with respect to emergency orders under the EMCPA. However, in an effort to be proactive to put into place tools to address any future “waves” or outbreaks of the current pandemic in the coming months, staff recommend that the proposed by-law amendments to Parks By-law 072-2006 be adopted. The delegation of authority to create emergency rules provides a flexible approach that will allow for public health and safety issues to be address in a timely manner to protect the public.

Set fines are currently in place for Parks By-law 072-2006. Should it be necessary to make application to the Ministry of Attorney General seeking the approval of further set fines, these fines will act as a deterrent to those who are found in violation of Parks By-law 072-2006 or those found in repeat violation of the by-law. The financial penalty will not be higher than that set through the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA) (\$750).



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Financial Impact

There are no financial implications associated with the recommended housekeeping amendments to the Parks By-law. Should the Town charge any fines for violation of the By-law, the revenues will be distributed back to the Town through the Provincial court awarded fines process.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments

None.

CAO Approval
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