

**Subject:** By-law Enforcement Policy 2021**Recommendation:**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Report #2021-0069;**

**AND THAT Policy #S502-05, By-law Enforcement Policy be submitted for Council approval at their next regular meeting.**

**Background:**

As part of council's 2021 strategic planning initiative, council instructed staff to research and develop a policy to support by-law efforts in handling resident complaints, infractions and compliance issues. The proposed Enforcement Policy identifies the philosophical approach to bylaw enforcement that will underpin future department actions. Staff consider this report satisfaction of the outstanding action item identified in the strategic plan.

**Analysis:**

Developing this policy supports and directs staff in delivering by-law services in a pragmatic way to all residents of Pelham. By directing and approving the enforcement philosophy, Council has an opportunity to represent the public interest and ensure that the general approach to enforcement reflects the values and preferences of the community.

**Financial Considerations:**

There are no direct costs associated with this report

**Alternatives Reviewed:**

Operating without policies does not support council's strategic planning initiative. This policy provides a mechanism for indirect involvement in enforcement by elected officials. The status quo is the only practical alternative where 100% discretion is provided to enforcement staff.

**Strategic Plan Relationship: Strong Organization**

A clear enforcement policy/philosophy will enable bylaw staff to help maintain a high quality of life for Town residents.

**Consultation:**

By-law, planning, building, CAO

**Other Pertinent Reports/Attachments:**

The enforcement policy is attached.

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