



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF AMHERSTBURG
OFFICE OF ENGINEERING & INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Mission Statement: As stewards of the Town of Amherstburg, we strive to improve the quality of life of all residents through the delivery of effective, efficient, and affordable services.

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To: Mayor and Members of Town Council

Subject: 2025 Amendments to Traffic Bylaw 2011-69

1. **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that:

1. **By-law 2025-013** being a By-law to Amend By-law 2011-69 be taken as having been read three times and finally passed and the Mayor and Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to sign same.

2. **BACKGROUND:**

On August 9, 2011, Amherstburg Council passed the Traffic By-law 2011-69 to regulate the traffic in the Town of Amherstburg.

It is important that this By-law be kept up to date to properly enforce parking infractions, ensure safety of motorists and pedestrians, to keep a current log of all signage and new road development and to ensure parking infractions can be legally laid and upheld. This process is an arduous task that reviewed, monitored and logged by the Roads Department and the Licensing and By-law Enforcement staff. It is imperative that the process identifies and communicates the changes that are approved by Council. The plan moving forward is to bring the Traffic Bylaw to Council annually to capture changes to the Traffic Bylaw.

3. DISCUSSION:

The purpose of the report is to amend the current Traffic By-law to reflect the recommendations adopted by Council at previous Council meetings, as well as the number of additional streets built in new developments since 2016. By-law 2011-69, as amended, is attached to this report, as well as the amended schedules, with changes identified for Council's review.

The following is the notable inclusions to the Traffic Bylaw:

- Inclusion of definition of "Overnight Parking"
- Updates to Schedules:
 - Schedule B – No Parking
 - Schedule G – Through Roads
 - Schedule J – Stop Signs

Administration conducted an audit and review of all schedules to the By-law to ensure that the By-law reflects the most current and up to date information. Further, administration reviewed the By-law referencing *The Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O 1990* to ensure that the provisions meet the current standards and legislation.

4. RISK ANALYSIS:

The Traffic By-law must be kept up to date so that any charges laid are consistent with the By-law and Highway Traffic Act. The ability to enforce and secure fines and penalties for violations must be in keeping with the By-laws of the Town of Amherstburg. By-laws that do not properly reflect the new or changing traffic regulations pose credibility risks to Enforcement Officers, the By-law Department and Police Services.

5. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

There are no financial implications associated with this report. The consistent review and updating of the By-law will ensure that potential fines are current and enforceable.

6. ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPACTS:

Newly installed signs, sign posts and hardware are captured in the annual sign inspections for Retro-Reflectivity. The signs are maintained through the Public Works Operating Budget under the Signs and Devices cost centre.

7. CONSULTATIONS:

The Manager of Licensing and Enforcement, By-law Enforcement Officers and Licensing Officer were consulted on this report and concur with the amendments to By-law 2011-69.

8. CORPORATE STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT:

Vision: Preserving our past while forging our future.

<i>Amherstburg Community Strategic Plan 2022 - 2026</i>	
<p style="text-align: center;">PILLAR 1 Deliver Trusted & Accountable Local Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Improve trust between council and staff, and residents, by strengthening governance and internal accountability structures. <input type="checkbox"/> Deliver transparent and efficient financial management. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase effective communication and engagement with residents. <input type="checkbox"/> Develop our staff team, resources, and workplace culture. <input type="checkbox"/> Continue to deliver strong core municipal services. <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure Amherstburg is an inclusive accessible and welcoming community committed to reconciliation. 	<p style="text-align: center;">PILLAR 3 Encourage Local Economic Prosperity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Encourage development of commercial and industrial lands. <input type="checkbox"/> Continue to promote local tourism industry, especially overnight accommodation. <input type="checkbox"/> Continue to facilitate downtown development for residents and visitors. <input type="checkbox"/> Continue to leverage partnership opportunities with other provincial, federal, and local governments, agencies, and organizations.
<p style="text-align: center;">PILLAR 2 Invest in Community Amenities and Infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Maintain safe, reliable and accessible municipal infrastructure and facilities. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase access to recreation opportunities for all ages. <input type="checkbox"/> Finalize and execute plans for town-owned lands (e.g. Duffy's site, Belle Vue) <input type="checkbox"/> Create public access to water and waterfront <input type="checkbox"/> Prioritize opportunities to reduce environmental impacts of Town operations and increase Town resilience to climate change. 	<p style="text-align: center;">PILLAR 4 Shape Growth Aligned with Local Identity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Define and communicate a vision for the Town's future and identity. <input type="checkbox"/> Promote and plan for green and "climate change ready" development. <input type="checkbox"/> Review and implement policies that promote greater access to diverse housing. <input type="checkbox"/> Protect the Town's historic sites and heritage. <input type="checkbox"/> Preserve the Town's greenspaces, agricultural lands, and natural environment.

9. CONCLUSION:

The Traffic By-law requires continuous amendments to ensure it reflects changing traffic regulations within the Town of Amherstburg and The Highway Traffic Act. The amendments presented are consistent with previous Council decisions and current provincial legislation.



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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:



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