

Committee of the Whole (1) Report

DATE: Tuesday, May 5, 2026

WARD(S): ALL

TITLE: TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO PARKS, PARKING, SHORT-TERM RENTAL, MUNICIPAL ACCOMMODATION TAX, SHORT-TERM RENTAL, LICENSING, SITE ALTERATION, ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES, NUISANCE AND NOISE BY-LAWS

FROM:

Gus Michaels, Deputy City Manager, Community Services

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

This technical amendments report, delivered periodically with the intent of providing greater clarity to by-law provisions, proposes amendments to the Business Licensing, Parking, Nuisance, Noise Control, Site Alteration, Administrative Penalties, Short-Term Rental and Municipal Accommodation Tax, and Short-Term Rental by-laws, and seeks Council approval to repeal and replace the Park's by-law in order to standardize formatting and make other minor revisions.

Report Highlights

- In line with the City of Vaughan By-law Strategy, staff continue to review regulatory by-laws on a cyclical basis to ensure accessible and transparent regulations.
- This report seeks Council's approval for a number of minor technical amendments to Business Licensing, Parking, Nuisance, Noise Control, Site Alteration, Administrative Penalties, Short-Term Rental and Municipal Accommodation Tax, Short-Term Rental by-laws, as well as to consolidate and standardize the City's Parks By-law by repealing and replacing it with a new by-law.

Recommendations

1. THAT Council authorize the amendments to Business Licensing By-law 122-2022, Parking By-law 064-2019, Nuisance By-law 124-2024, Noise Control By-law 121-2021, Site Alteration By-law 031-2024, Administrative Penalties By-law 240-2024, Short-Term Rental By-law 158-2019 and Municipal Accommodation Tax, Short-Term Rental By-law 183-2019, as amended, as well as the repeal and replacement of Parks By-law 134-1995, substantially in accordance with Attachment 1, in a form satisfactory to the Office of the City Solicitor.

Background

In support of the Council-approved By-law Strategy, staff continually review the City's by-laws for opportunities to bring forward technical amendments

Technical amendments are minor and administrative in nature and are intended to clarify regulations by providing more details regarding the applicability of by-law provisions and ensuring all special terms are defined clearly. These amendments ensure City by-laws continue to be relevant, transparent and accessible.

Previous Reports/Authority

- [Council-approved By-law Strategy](#), Item 3, Report No. 3, adopted on June 24, 2014;
- [Parks By-law 134-95](#) (approved by Council on May 8, 1995);
- [Parking By-law 064-2019](#) (approved by Council on May 1, 2019);
- [Nuisance By-law 124-2024](#) (approved by Council on June 25, 2024);
- [Noise Control By-law 121-2021](#) (approved by Council on September 27, 2021);
- [Business Licensing By-law 122-2022](#) (approved by Council on June 28, 2022);
- [Site Alteration By-law 031-2024](#) (approved by Council on February 21, 2024);
- [Administrative Penalties By-law 240-2024](#) (approved by Council on December 17, 2024);
- [Short-Term Rental By-law 158-2019](#) (approved by Council on November 19, 2019);
- [Municipal Accommodation Tax, Short-Term Rental By-law 183-2019](#) (approved by Council on May 14, 2019).

Analysis and Options

The recommended amendments make the provisions of the by-laws clearer for ease of reference, interpretation and application

The table in Attachment 1 details the amendments being recommended for each by-law and describes the current state and the related challenges or issues, listing the recommendations from staff, and providing the rationale for the recommendations. All amendments will be detailed further in the by-laws that will be sent to Council for approval separately. Staff are recommending the following technical amendments:

- Amend Business Licensing By-law 122-2022 to rephrase the wording in the Body Rub Attendant licence section to explicitly state that no body rub parlour attendant shall allow a person under the age of 18 to enter, remain, provide services or be provided services in a body rub parlour;
- Amend Business Licensing By-law 122-2022 to correct an erroneous reference to a section;
- Amend Business Licensing By-law 122-2022 to correct the name of a licence category;
- Amend Parking By-law 064-2019 to correct the defined term in Schedule 10 of the By-law from “Heavy Vehicle” to “Large Vehicle”;
- Amend Parking By-law 064-2019 to remove a duplicating row in Schedule 1 of the By-law;
- Amend Nuisance By-law 124-2024 to remove the outdated definition of “Public transit” which is no longer used in the by-law;
- Amend Administrative Penalties By-law 240-2024 to remove references to short form wording in designated by-laws;
- Amend Site Alteration By-law 031-2024 to enhance enforcement of the By-law provisions by stipulating that the contravener shall comply with an Order issued under this By-law;

- Amend Site Alteration By-law 031-2024 to correct a technical error and stipulate that a special fine under this By-law may exceed \$100,000, as per the *Municipal Act, 2001*;
- Amend Short-Term Rental By-law 158-2019 and Municipal Accommodation Tax, Short-Term Rental By-law 183-2019 to remove responsibilities of the short-term rental brokerages and owners to register for Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT), as it is now done automatically upon issuance of a business licence under the Short-Term Rental By-law 158-2019; and
- Amend Noise Control By-law 121-2021 to ensure that the word “permit” is referenced correctly through the By-law.

Staff are also seeking to standardize formatting in Parks By-law 134-1995 for ease of review. This recommendation will be achieved by replacing the current by-law, which will include minor technical amendments and updates to some sections, but will not result in any substantive changes to the By-law.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact to the City’s budget as a result of the recommendations of this report.

Operational Impact

During the review of the by-laws for which amendments are being proposed, and in the course of the preparation of this report, BCLPS consulted with other City departments, including Parks, Forestry and Horticultural Operations and the Office of the City Solicitor. No operational impacts were identified as a result of the recommendations of this report.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

There are no broader regional impacts or considerations as a result of the recommendations of this report.

Conclusion

The recommendations in this report aim to strengthen the clarity and continued relevance of City by-laws, aligning with City Council’s Strategic Priority to enhance community safety and well-being through ongoing implementation of the By-law Strategy. The proposed amendments will clarify by-law provisions, support more efficient operations for staff and ultimately contribute to improved service for residents.

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Attachments

1. Attachment 1: Proposed Amendments

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