



SUBJECT: Physical Distancing By-law Amendment

TO: Mayor and Members of Council

FROM: Building and By-law Department

Report Number: BB-04-20

Wards Affected: All

File Numbers: 110-04

Date to Committee: May 12, 2020

Date to Council: May 25, 2020

Recommendation:

Approve the amendments to Physical Distancing By-law 17-2020 as contained in Appendix A to building and by-law department report BB-04-20.

Vision to Focus Alignment:

Vision to Focus identifies key priorities like the environment and climate change, transit, and the health and well-being of our residents and businesses. There is no specific alignment to any of the key actions from the Alignment of Vision to Focus in the proposed amendment to this by-law.

Background and Discussion:

1.0 Background

On March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared a worldwide pandemic regarding the Novel Coronavirus 19 ("COVID-19 Pandemic").

On March 17, 2020, the Province of Ontario declared an emergency relating to the COVID-19 Pandemic under the provisions of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.E.9 ("*Emergency Management Act*").

On March 21, 2020 an emergency was declared by the Mayor of the City of Burlington, under the provisions of the *Emergency Management Act*, relating to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The Council of the City of Burlington considers the protection of health and safety of the public to be a paramount concern, and has suspended the operations of all City facilities, other than those deemed essential for the welfare of the citizens of the City of Burlington, during the COVID-19 emergency.

The direction for the proposed by-law comes from the City's Emergency Control Group as our priority is to keep people safe and minimize the spread of COVID-19.

2.0 Discussion

The Physical Distancing by-law currently does not address physical distancing for every person while on public property, who owns or controls an animal, to keep the animal on a leash not exceeding 2 metres in length at all times, in which enforcement is restricted.

Also, the Physical Distancing by-law does not address any person while on public property who owns or controls an animal to ensure that the animal does not come within 2 metres of any other person or animal that does not reside with them in a single household.

This amendment would enhance the enforcement duties of any person empowered by the municipality to enforce the Physical Distancing by-law.

Strategy/process

Options Considered

Financial Matters:

None

Total Financial Impact

None

Source of Funding

None

Other Resource Impacts

Not Applicable

Climate Implications

Not Applicable

Engagement Matters:

City's Communications staff will prepare any updates to the City's website to ensure public awareness of changes to the by-law.

Conclusion:

With this amendment to the Physical Distancing By-law, this will assist and support City staff and reinforce the Province's physical distancing orders and complement the intent of the physical distancing ordered by the Province by the City staff in the field.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appendices:

- A. Amendment to Physical Distancing By-law

Report Approval:

All reports are reviewed and/or approved by Department Director, the Chief Financial Officer and the Executive Director of Legal Services & Corporation Council. Final approval is by the City Manager.