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To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Nick Anastasopoulos, P.Eng., Chief Building Official

Cc: Tim Commisso, City Manager

Heather MacDonald, Executive Director of Community Planning, Regulation

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Date: May 19th, 2020

Re: Report BB-04-20 Physical Distancing By-law Amendment

At the May 12th, 2020 meeting of the Community Planning, Regulation and Mobility Committee the proposed amendment to the Physical Distancing By-law was referred back to staff to provide further clarification at the May 25th Council meeting. This discussion arose during consent item BB-04-20, Physical Distancing By-law Amendment.

By way of further review, and with the most recent announcement by the Province the following recommendation is being provided.

On May 19th, 2020 the Province announced changes to several Ontario Regulations already in place that regulated essential businesses and the closure of outdoor recreational amenities. Ontario Regulation 104/20 speaks to the Closure of Outdoor Recreational Amenities and it was revised on May 19th to exclude 'off-leash dog areas' from the schedule of facilities that should remain closed.

With this most recent amendment to O.Reg. 104/20 animal owners will have the ability to once again visit 'off-leash dog areas' which will permit them the ability to let their animals obtain the needed freedom and exercise.

At this time with O.Reg. 104/20 as amended, the proposed amendment to the Physical Distancing By-law 17-2020 is not necessary and report BB-04-20 is not moving forward.

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