

Municipality Of Chatham-Kent
Community Development
Building Development Services

To: Mayor and Members of Council

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Date: April 1, 2020

Subject: Municipal By-law Enforcement Team Related to Provincial Covid-19 Orders

This report is for the information of Council.

Background

On March 24th the Ontario government was issued new emergency orders, prohibiting the operation of non-essential businesses and organized public events and social gatherings of more than five people. The government has also closed outdoor recreational amenities.

The Solicitor General has, pursuant to the Provincial Offences Act, designated By-law Enforcement Officers from any Municipality as Provincial Offence Officers for the purpose of enforcing orders under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act.

Comments

A new enforcement team was formed through Building Developments Services. The team is utilizing existing By-law Enforcement Officers and re-deployed staff from other divisions within Community Development.

Chatham-Kent residents who have concerns about non-essential businesses, use of public playgrounds or social gatherings of more than five people can now report their concerns 24 hours a day, 7 days a week via phone or email. Upon receipt of a concern an Enforcement Officer will be dispatched immediately to investigate.

To report a concern, individuals can call 519-360-1998, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week or email Covid19enforcement@chatham-kent.ca.

Conclusion

The proposal has been reviewed by the Community Development Leadership Team. It is the department's position that this initiative will help combat Covid-19.

Consultation

The Community Development Leadership Team is in support of this new Enforcement Team.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications from this report as existing staff have been re-deployed to this team.

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