



Staff Report to Community Advisory Committee

DATE: Tuesday, March 25, 2025

DEPARTMENT: Bylaw and Enforcement

SUBJECT: Amendments to Langford's Municipal Ticket Authorization Bylaw No. 34, 1993

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The recent adoption of City of Langford Tree Protection Bylaw No. 2206 brings forward the need to update the City of Langford Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw 1993 also known as the "Municipal Ticket Information" or "MTI" bylaw. The proposed amendments will allow for the issuance of tickets for infractions of the Tree Protection Bylaw where necessary.

Staff are recommending that the Community Advisory Committee recommend that Council consider giving first three readings of City of Langford Ticket Authorization Bylaw No. 34, 1993, Amendment No. 22, Bylaw No. 2219, 2025, to incorporate the suggested amendments.

BACKGROUND:

At the Regular Council Meeting held December 2, 2024, Council adopted City of Langford Tree Protection Bylaw No. 2206. In order to maintain reliable means of enforcement where necessary, the "City of Langford Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw, 1993" (MTI Bylaw) needs to be amended to allow for the issuance of tickets for infractions of the Tree Protection Bylaw.

COMMENTARY:

Penalties may be imposed for violations of a regulatory bylaw through the Municipal Ticket Information (MTI) process. The *Community Charter* requires penalties for identified infractions, which are subject to issuance of an MTI be included in the Municipal Ticket Authorization Bylaw.

City of Langford Ticket Authorization Bylaw No. 34, 1993, Amendment No. 22, Bylaw No. 2219, 2025 provides an authorization schedule which replaces the schedule associated with the former Tree Protection Bylaw, Bylaw No. 2179, now repealed, and presents new infraction penalties arising from the adoption of Tree Protection Bylaw No. 2206.

Other minor amendments include updating the name of the municipality from "District of Langford" to "City of Langford" and adding the root bylaw number into the citation, as it was never included.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

The MTI system of administering penalties to address violations of regulatory bylaws is legislated through the *Community Charter*. Municipal ticketing is an effective enforcement tool for local governments.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This amendment supports the following Council Strategic Plan initiatives:

- 1g - Develop an Urban Forest Management Plan
- 1h - Develop an Interim Tree Protection Bylaw

OPTIONS:

Option 1

THAT the Community Advisory Committee recommend that Council consider giving first, second and third readings to the City of Langford Ticket Authorization Bylaw, Amendment No. 22, Bylaw No. 2219, 2025.

OR Option 2

THAT the Community Advisory Committee recommend that Council provide direction to staff regarding the proposed City of Langford Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw, Amendment No. 22, Bylaw No. 2219, 2025 as follows:

1. _____;
2. _____;
3. _____.

SUBMITTED BY: Lorne, Fletcher, Manager, Municipal Enforcement & Community Safety

Concurrence: Melisa Miles, Manager of Legislative Services

Concurrence: Donna Petrie, Senior Manager of Communications & Economic Development

Concurrence: Yari Nielsen, Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities

Concurrence: Matthew Baldwin, RPP, MCIP, Director of Development Services

Concurrence: Katelyn Balzer, P.Eng., Director of Engineering and Public Works

Concurrence: Marie Watmough, Director of Legislative & Protective Services

Concurrence: Braden Hutchins, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

Concurrence: Darren Kiedyk, Chief Administrative Officer

Attachments: Proposed City of Langford Ticket Information Authorization Bylaw No. 34, 1993, Amendment No. 22, Bylaw No. 2219, 2025.