

Administrative Monetary Penalty System

Community and Protective Services Committee

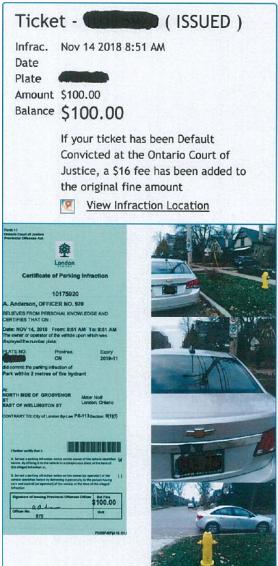
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Background

- The Municipal Act, 2001 allows municipalities to use an Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMPS) for by-law violations.
- Streamlines the enforcement process and is considered a service enhancement because violations are no longer disputed through the backlogged court system.
- A number of measures will be in place to ensure the City's new process is fair and objective. Penalty Notices can be disputed by requesting an appointment with a Screening Officer or through an administrative review
- The decision of a Screening Officer can also be reviewed by a Hearing Officer, who is an independent and impartial person.
- The City will initially implement AMPs for parking violations and increase other by-law violations in future.





Enhanced Parking Technology

New online payment module "Ticket Online Payment System (TOPS)" with improved features such as access to photos taken, violation location by map/gps, all unpaid tickets on plate, original copy of ticket etc.





Parking Services

- > Screenings (disputes) by appointment in person, by phone and administrative review.
- Online appeal module
- Improved enforcement services including added methods of service
- Reduced Contract costs as Parking Services Officers are no longer required to attend Court



School Zone Enforcement

- Traffic and Parking Regulations in school zones are important to ensure traffic flow and regulate parking.
- Enforcement can be a challenge due to the volume of violations, the number of problematic schools, the quantity of complaints and the current legislated service options.
- With AMPs there will be new efficient mechanisms for penalty notice service e.g. by mail.
- Motorists may be more likely to comply once enforcement practices become known



Conclusion

- Currently Parking Services issues approximately 80,000 parking tickets annually.
- In future Administrative Monetary Penalties will be utilized for other by-law violations reducing Court and Officer time.
- A person is more likely to be able to represent them self to navigate an administrative review vs. the Court of Justice
- AMPs is a civil mechanism for enforcing compliance with regulatory requirements. They are an effective, quick, clear and tangible way for regulators to respond to infractions of the law.