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# Staff Report

# Legal Services – By-law

Report To: COW-Finance, Admin, Fire, Legal, Community Services

Meeting Date: August 14, 2023 Report Number: FAF.23.122

**Title:** Update Report on By-law Students' Cost vs. Revenue **Prepared by**: Debbie Young, Interim Manager of By-law and Licensing

#### A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.23.122, entitled "Update report on By-law Students Cost vs. Revenue";

AND THAT Council direct Staff to include 2 (two) By-Law Students in the base budget.

#### B. Overview

This report will outline the cost vs. revenue of having summer by-law students specific to parking infractions and whether staff should request two summer students next year from a financial perspective.

#### C. Background

Council requested that staff provide an interim update report as to whether the students' revenue is covered by their expenses. The students started employment with the Town approximately May 18, 2023. The intention of the summer employment was to assist the bylaw officers with the parking issues in the Town and help to gain compliance.

# D. Analysis

It is staff's opinion that the summer students have made a viable impact on the parking infractions which generated the majority of tickets from the beaches. By-law officers are finding it to be challenging to get parking compliance specifically at the beaches.

As of **July 31, 2023**, we can provide the following information:

- 1. The combined parking tickets written by the two summer students totaled 633 with a total value of \$50,370.
- 2. The total value of fines collected is \$17,765.
- 3. There are currently 71 screenings scheduled that have not had a hearing to date.

- 4. \$17,775 of the outstanding balance represents the amount of parking tickets that have requested a Screening and that have not come to a hearing as of the date of this report.
- 5. The remaining balance of \$14,830 if not paid, will be collected through MTO's driver's licence renewal process.

As of July 23, 2023 (last pay period prior to July 31, 2023):

- 1. The student's combined wages were \$13,515.45 and benefits were \$1,658.48.
- 2. The total amount paid for wages and benefits for the students was \$15,173.93.

## **E.** Strategic Priorities

#### 1. Communication and Engagement

We will enhance communications and engagement between Town Staff, Town residents and stakeholders

#### 2. Organizational Excellence

We will continually seek out ways to improve the internal organization of Town Staff and the management of Town assets.

#### 3. Community

We will protect and enhance the community feel and the character of the Town, while ensuring the responsible use of resources and restoration of nature.

#### 4. Quality of Life

We will foster a high quality of life for full-time and part-time residents of all ages and stages, while welcoming visitors.

#### F. Environmental Impacts

NONE

## **G.** Financial Impacts

The cost of having the students on contract for the summer months (May to September) appears to be on track for estimated revenue in comparison to wages and benefits. There is no financial negative impact on the Town's residents.

#### H. In Consultation With

Ryan Gibbons, Director of Community Services

# I. Public Engagement

The topic of this Staff Report has not been the subject of a Public Meeting and/or a Public Information Centre as neither a Public Meeting nor a Public Information Centre are required.

Any comments regarding this report should be submitted to Debbie Young, Interim Manager of By-law and Licensing <a href="mailto:by-law-admin@thebluemountains.ca">by-law-admin@thebluemountains.ca</a>.

#### J. Attached

NONE

Respectfully submitted,

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