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**By-Law Improvements for Easier Understanding  
New Boulevard Maintenance By-Law to Enhance Community Safety**

Cambridge, Ontario. October 17, 2008...A new by-law will be proposed at the October 20, 2008, meeting of Cambridge City Council which is intended to enhance public safety by setting forth guidelines that better regulate boulevard maintenance.

The City of Cambridge is considering passing a Boulevard Maintenance By-Law to regulate the construction, maintenance, and protection of boulevards within the City. With a view to enhancing safety, the by-law, if passed, will prevent the placement of objects on a boulevard that may cause injury or damage to the public. It also regulates the maximum height of objects on a boulevard in order to protect the sight lines of drivers, pedestrians and cyclists to ensure safe passage and clear visibility on roads and sidewalks.

Among the notable features of the draft by-law:

- Maximum height of plants is 45 centimetres (17.7 inches). This allows environmentalist, naturalist and eco-friendly citizens to nurture natural gardens within the context of the by-law;
- The by-law builds in a process to grant exemptions; and
- It provides for the creation of a Boulevard Appeal Committee, where citizens will have an opportunity to appeal a By-Law Enforcement Officer's decision.

"If successfully passed, the By-Law Enforcement Division will undertake a community campaign to share information about the by-law and its provisions," says Cheryl Zahnleiter, Manager of By-Law Enforcement & Municipal Prosecutor for the City of Cambridge. "It's about working with Cambridge citizens under this new by-law to further the goal of a healthy and safe community."

Cambridge City Council will also provide direction on Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> on other by-laws going before council that have been refined for the benefit of residents. These include by-laws related to snow removal and inoperative motor vehicles.

Background:

Copies of the most frequently requested by-laws are available on the website [www.cambridge.ca](http://www.cambridge.ca), click the "City Departments" section and "City Clerk" page. Official versions of all by-laws may be obtained from the City Clerk's Division by calling 519-740-4680.

### **How to Contact By-Law Enforcement in Planning Services**

In order to make a complaint about a possible by-law violation, or to inquire about a by-law, call the By-Law Enforcement Office at (519) 740-4613 Ext. 7907. Staff is available to take calls weekdays during regular business hours.

The evening By-Law Officer on duty is dispatched through the Waterloo Regional Police. Therefore, complaints that arise on evenings or weekends should be directed to the Waterloo Regional Police Services (WRPS) Police Communications Centre at 519-653-7700.

### **Parking By-Law Enforcement - Transportation and Public Works Department**

The Parking Operations Section of the Engineering Services Division is comprised of city staff and contract personnel of the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires. City staff includes a Manager of Parking Operations and a Traffic and Parking Assistant, supported by administration staff. The Canadian Corps of Commissionaires is comprised of a Sergeant, a Corporal and 12 Officers. The mandate is to provide enforcement of parking by-laws approved by City and Regional Council and to maintain parking infrastructure.

Office hours of the section are weekdays between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm. After hours enforcement may be obtained by contacting the WRPS at 519-653-7700. Generally, Monday through Friday, 6 Parking Enforcement Officers are on duty from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, 1 officer from 4:00 pm to midnight and 2 officers from midnight to 8:00 am. Weekend enforcement is provided by 1 officer from 8:00 am to midnight and by 2 officers from midnight to 8:00 am.

The City of Cambridge is one of the fastest growing areas in the country. It is strategically located astride highway 401 in Southwestern Ontario, part of Canada's Technology Triangle. In 2008, the population reached over 125,000 people. With a multicultural mix and a strong foundation of support services, Cambridge has a diverse economic base with leading industries in manufacturing, automotive, high technology, pharmaceutical, business and financial services and hospitality/retail. The Corporation of the City of Cambridge is an employer with a work environment that offers the opportunity to provide service to the community through creativity and innovation, and with opportunities for career growth and advancement. Based on the 2007 BMA Management Consulting Inc Municipal Study, the City of Cambridge is one of only four municipalities in the province that is debt free.

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