Municipal By-laws 101

Haldimand County

Common by-laws Councillors receive questions about

By-law	What it Regulates	Common Resident Questions
Property Standards By-law	Minimum standards for building and property maintenance.	“My neighbour’s building is falling apart. What can the County do?”
Clean Yards By-law	Accumulation of debris, refuse, long grass and general property upkeep.	“The property next door hasn’t been maintained.”
Noise By-law	Noise levels and disturbances that impact neighbouring properties.	“It’s after midnight and my neighbour’s music is blaring.”
Parking By-law	Parking regulations on municipal roads and properties.	“A vehicle has been parked on my street for days”
Winter Control Parking Regulations	Parking restrictions during winter maintenance operations.	“Why was my vehicle ticketed when there’s no snow on the road?”
Fence By-law	Fence requirements and responsibilities.	“My neighbour built a fence on my property line.”
Site Alternation By-law	Placement of fill, grading and alternation of land.	“My neighbour is bringing in trucks of dirt.”
Zoning By-law	Permitted land uses and development standards.	“Can this property be used for that purpose?”
Business Licence By-law	Licensing requirements for regulated businesses.	“Does this business need a municipal licence?”



Important

Not every concern raised by a resident is a by-law issue. Some matters may be private disputes between neighbours, responsibilities of another agency, or activities permitted under existing legislation or by-laws. Staff review each complaint to determine whether municipal action is available and appropriate.

> For example, the **Fence By-law** regulates matters such as fence height and location, but it does not determine property ownership or resolve boundary disputes between neighbours.