





MEMO RE: Park Closure Policy

DATE: May 28, 2024

PREPARED FOR: Council

PREPARED BY: Chief Administrative Officer

RECOMMENDATION: This report is circulated for discussion reasons only.

DESCRIPTION: A By-Law to close public parks on a nightly basis is to be considered.

DISCUSSION:

Recently there was a gentleman that set up a tent under the pavilion in Waterfront Park and slept there overnight while charging his e-bike and possibly his cell phone. In the morning the gentleman was discovered by a member of the Public Works staff.

Staff were instructed to contact the Ontario Provincial Police(O.P.P.). Upon responding we were informed that the O.P.P. can't do anything about this type of situation unless there is a by-law closing the parks on a nightly basis.

A by-law has been attached for Council's consideration and discussion.