OFFICE CONSOLIDATION

This is a consolidation of the Town's by-law to control and limit the unnecessary idling of motor vehicles being By-law Number 2014-078 as amended by By-law 2026-066. The following consolidation is an electronic reproduction made available for information purposes only and is not an official version of the by-law. Official versions of all by-laws can be obtained from the Town Clerk by calling (905) 584-2272. If there are any discrepancies between this consolidation and By-laws 2014-078 and 2026-066 the by-laws shall prevail.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF CALEDON

BY-LAW NO. BL-2014-078

Being a by-law to control and limit
the unnecessary idling of motor vehicles

WHEREAS the *Municipal Act*, *2001*, R.S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, authorizes the Council of a local municipality to pass by-laws and make regulations for the health, safety and wellbeing of the persons;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Caledon is committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions as part of our commitment to Partners for Climate Protection;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Caledon recognizes the importance of preserving and enhancing air quality for the health of residents and the environment;

AND WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Caledon considers it necessary to limit the idling of motor vehicles in order to reduce health risks to residents and mitigate unnecessary emissions in the environment;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Caledon enacts as follows:

DEFINITIONS

1. For the purposes of this by-law:

"**agricultural equipment**" means equipment that is operated on agricultural property;

"**agricultural property**" means a property that is zoned for agricultural use in the Town's Zoning by-law;

"**emergency vehicles**" includes an ambulance, a fire department vehicle, police vehicle and any other public utility vehicle being used to respond to an emergency;

"**idle**" and "**idling**" mean the operation of the engine of a vehicle while the vehicle is not in motion;

"**mobile work vehicle**" means

(a) a vehicle containing equipment that must be operated in association with the vehicle which includes but is not limited to garbage and snow removal vehicles; or

(b) a vehicle serving as a facility for taking measurements or conducting maintenance or construction.

"**outdoor environment**" means a non-enclosed space;

"**person**" includes an individual and a corporation;

"**stopover**" means a delay of a maximum of five (5) minutes to allow transit vehicles to adjust to service schedules;

"**stop**", "**stopped**" and "**stopping**" means the halting of a vehicle, even momentarily, whether occupied or not, except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer or a traffic control sign or signal;

"**Town**" means The Corporation of the Town of Caledon;

"**transit vehicle**" means a school bus, tour bus, motor coach, and public transportation bus;

"**vehicle**" has the same meaning as in the *Highway Traffic Act.*

APPLICATION

2. This by-law applies to:

   (1) private property;

   (2) public property; and

   (3) road systems within the Town of Caledon geographical boundary.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

3. (1) No person shall cause or permit a vehicle to idle for more than two (2) minutes total in a sixty (60) minute period in an outdoor environment.

   (2) Subsection 3(1) does not apply to the following:

      (a) emergency vehicles;

      (b) mobile work vehicles while engaged in the course of their duties;

      (c) vehicles that are being used in an emergency situation;

      (d) vehicles that remain motionless because of an emergency or traffic conditions, which includes but is not limited to: drive throughs, congestion and traffic control signals, weather conditions, or mechanical difficulties over which the driver has no control;

      (e) vehicles where idling is required as part of the diagnostic or repair process or to prepare the vehicle for service;

      (f) vehicles that require engine power to operate a wheelchair lift or other accessible pieces of equipment;

      (g) armored vehicles where a person remains inside the vehicle while loading or unloading;

      (h) vehicles being used as support vehicles in a parade or a race authorized by The Corporation of the Town of Caledon or The Regional Municipality of Peel;

(i) agricultural equipment;

(j) transit vehicles while passengers are embarking or disembarking;

(k) transit vehicles at a stopover;

(l) vehicles transporting a person who for medical reasons the environmental surroundings of a person must be maintained at a certain temperature or humidity;

(m) vehicles that are required to idle in order to keep in operation a heating or refrigeration system necessary for the welfare of a person or preservation of the cargo contained therein;

(n) vehicles operating in order to comply with requirements of the *Highway Traffic Act* including but not limited to the requirement that the driver of a vehicle have a clear view to the front, side and rear of the vehicle through the windshield and windows, and requirements that operators perform proper inspection and maintenance checks; and

(o) vehicles, including hybrid or electric vehicles, that eliminate the emission of greenhouse gases and criteria air contaminants during the idling phase of the operation.

OFFENCE AND PENALTY

4. No Person shall hinder or obstruct an officer in the performance of his or her duties under this by-law.

5. Every Person who contravenes any provision of this by-law is guilty of an offence.

6. Every director or officer of a corporation who knowingly concurs in the contravention of any provision of this by-law by the corporation is guilty of an offence.

7. A Person who is convicted of an offence is liable:

(1) on a first offence, to a fine of not less than $100.00 and to a fine of not more than $5,000, and

(2) on a second and each subsequent offence, to a fine of not less than $500.00 and a fine of not more than $10,000.00.

[Section 8 added, By-law 2026-066, effective June 23, 2026]

8. Every Person who contravenes any provision of this By-law, including an Order issued under this By-law, is guilty of an offence and is liable to pay to the Town an Administrative Penalty and any Administrative Fees, where applicable, pursuant to the Administrative Monetary Penalty System By-law 2024-086, as amended.

ENFORCEMENT

9. This by-law may be enforced by municipal by-law enforcement officers, police officers and any other persons appointed by the Town.

SEVERABILITY

10. Should any section, clause or provision of this by-law be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this

by-law as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part which is declared invalid.

TITLE

11. This by-law shall be known as the Idling Control By-law.

EFFECTIVE DATE

12. This by-law shall come into force on the 1st day of January, 2015.

READ THREE TIMES AND FINALLY
PASSED IN OPEN COUNCIL
THIS 12th DAY OF AUGUST, 2014.

Marolyn Morrison, Mayor

Carey deGorter, Clerk