

TOWN OF ST. MARYS Public Works News & Updates

FALL/WINTER 2018

New Traffic By-law

A new Traffic, Parking and Boulevard Maintenance By-Law (By-law 58-2018) takes effect November 1, 2018. Updated signs will be installed throughout town to remind you of the rules set out in the by-law.

Read on for further details about the new by-law.

Speed Reductions

The by-law sets the speed limit in St. Marys at 50 km/hr, except in the following areas, where the speed limit is reduced to 40 km/hr:

- Egan Ave. from James St. N to Wellington St. N
- Maxwell St. from James St. S to Huron St.
- Thomas St. from town limits to Queen St. W
- Wellington St. S from Park St. to Jones St. E
- Emily St. from Glass St. to Water St. N
- James St. S near the entrance/exit to DCVI (Monday - Friday, 8 AM - 4 PM, September - June)

Please note: The speed limit in any park or playground is 20 km/hr.

Stop Signs

When the new by-law takes effect, yield signs will be replaced with stop signs at the following intersections:

- Peel St. & Egan Ave (northbound on Peel)
- Spring St. & Waterloo St. (westbound on Waterloo)
- Ontario St. & Park Lane (westbound on Park Lane)
- Thomas St. & Park Lane (eastbound on Park Lane)

Heavy Vehicles

The by-law prohibits heavy vehicle operators from:

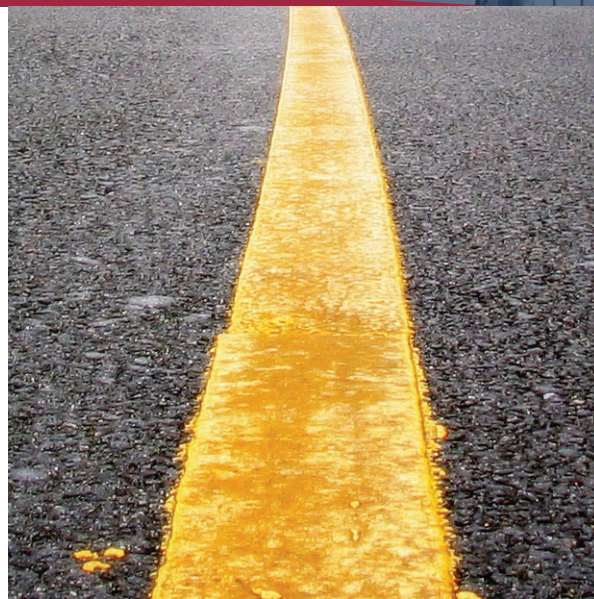
- Using engine brakes in town, except to avoid or reduce the impact of a collision or in any other emergency
- Parking on any street, except during deliveries or construction
- Parking in any public or municipal lot, except for the Pyramid Recreation Centre lot (**permit required**)

Parking

The by-law prohibits all vehicles from:

- On-street parking in certain areas (**look for signs before parking**)
- Parking on the road from 2 - 6 AM daily
- Parking on boulevards at any time
- Overnight parking in public or municipal facility lots without a permit

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- New parking permit system
- Leaf and yard waste collection
- Winter operations

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Did you know?

The Town is responsible for the maintenance of street lights in St. Marys.

If you see a street light that is out, contact Public Works at 519-284-2340, ext. 213 or mdykstra@town.stmarys.on.ca.

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Designated Parking Permit System

The Town has developed a parking permit system as part of the new traffic by-law. The system will help the Town manage risk and liability and keep streets and parking lots clear for maintenance.

There are two types of parking permits:

1. **Short-term permit:** Valid for 7 days
2. **Long-term permit:** Valid for 1 year, from November 1 of the year it is purchased to October 31 of the next year

Permits will be allocated according to need and capacity.

To apply for a permit, contact Public Works at 519-284-2340, ext. 213. Applications are also available at Town Hall and the Municipal Operations Centre.

Visit townofstmarys.com/bylaws to review a copy of the new traffic by-law.

Leaf and Yard Waste Reminder

Please do not place leaves on the road!

The Town collects leaf and yard waste every other Monday on the same week as your recycling. The last collection dates for 2018 are November 19 (southeast and southwest areas) and November 26 (north and west areas).

Yard waste can also be dropped off at the Municipal Operations Centre's yard waste depot or landfill year-round, free of charge.

Visit townofstmarys.com/leafandyardwaste for more information, including collection requirements.



Winter is Coming!

Read on for important information about winter operations.

Snow Clearing

Public Works performs daily road patrols from October 1 until April 30 to monitor and prepare for winter weather events. The department's response is based on weather conditions:

- **Less than 8 cm of snow:** Begin salting and/scraping of roads, if required.
- **More than 8 cm of snow:** Plow all roads and sidewalks, beginning with primary roads.

Primary roads have heavy traffic, steep hills and/or provide access to a majority of secondary roads. These roads are plowed first to ensure routes are clear for emergency and transit vehicles.

Staff aim to plow all streets within 16 hours after the snowfall has reached 8 cm of accumulation.

When all streets are plowed, staff push back and clear snowbanks, blow back intersections, clean up sidewalks, and address specific concerns.

Downtown Sidewalks and Snowbanks

Public Works will perform initial snow clearing in the downtown before 7 AM. Downtown merchants must clear the sidewalk in front of their businesses after 7 AM and throughout the day (By-law 8-2008).

If snowbanks reach 60 - 90 cm (24 - 36 in), Public Works will schedule a "Downtown Clean-up" to remove them.

Snowmobile Use

Snowmobiles are allowed on town streets as long as riders obey the following rules:

- Stay to the far right edge of the road
- Stay off sidewalks and boulevards and out of the cemetery and public parks
- Do not ride after 10 PM and before 7 AM



Note: All-terrain vehicles are **NOT** allowed on public roads, sidewalks and trails or in public parks.

Visit townofstmarys.com for more winter operations information, including a list of frequently asked questions.

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