



# Request for EAD Meeting Business Item

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Update on Ticketing for Bylaw Offences
<b>REQUEST BY:</b>	Jay Simpson
<b>DESCRIPTION/ CONTEXT:</b>	<p>Many, if not most, bylaws placed by the CSRD do not have the ability to ‘ticket’ offenders. This applies to Dog Control, illegal trailers on lots, and a variety of other in-place bylaws.</p> <p>Bylaw Control does not have time, nor resources, to police all the bylaws we have in place. This is a frustration to both us as directors, and the general, law-abiding population.</p> <p>Ticketing may be one way to fill this gap in a small way.</p>
<b>DISCUSSION:</b>	<p>My understanding is that in order to issue tickets, the CSRD must (by bylaw) designate a bylaw as enforceable by way of tickets as per the Community Charter.</p> <p>If we were to revisit some of the bylaws that might be reasonably enforced via a ticket, we may enjoy a higher level of compliance. Also, it would show that we are at least doing something about some of the bylaw infractions.</p> <p>It seems to me that writing tickets should not take too much staff time and may therefore provide at least some coverage of some of the infractions that staff does not currently have time for. But I may be further educated on this point.</p> <p>There is no way to enforce payment. We do not collect taxes directly, require people to pay other costs (ICBC) and pay tickets prior to receiving a necessary benefit. The non-law-abiding residents may just ignore the tickets with no recourse from our end. On the other hand, this should at least provide necessary statistics about who, where, how often, infractions occur.</p>
<b>OTHER COMMENTS:</b>	<p>I would like to request that the board ask staff for a report on those bylaws that experience relatively large volumes of complaints, that might respond to a ticketing option, and the process needed to revise our bylaws to allow this option.</p> <p>I might suggest an escalating ticketing scenario with initial tickets set at say \$100 and then doubling for each repeat offence after a 6 month period.</p>