

City of Belleville

Report No: MBECS-2025-35

Meeting Date: November 24, 2025



To: Mayor and Members of Council
Department: Corporate Services
Staff Contact: Aggie Hill, Manager, By-Law Enforcement

Subject: Feeding of Pigeons By-law - Set Fines

Recommendation:

That, pursuant to the Manager of By-law Enforcement's Report No. MBECS-2025-35, Feeding of Pigeons - Set Fines, Council approve the proposed set fines under the Provincial Offences Act for the Feeding of Pigeons By-law.

And that the appropriate documentation be submitted to the Ministry of the Attorney General for approval.

Strategic Plan Alignment:

Community Health, Safety and Security

Background:

Set fines under the Provincial Offences Act are proposed to ensure enforceability and provide clear financial penalties for violations under the By-law to Regulate Pigeon Pests. Short form wording for the identified offence has been included, with a monetary fine that staff believe is costly enough to be considered a deterrent but is not high enough to be considered punitive.

Financial/Analysis:

The proposed set fines schedule is attached. The proposed fine schedule is designed to further support the costs of enforcement without significant impacts on current budget allocations. Revenue generated from fines will contribute to covering expenses and enhancing community educational initiatives. Provisions are in place to ensure fines are proportionate to the offence and in line with existing regional standards.

Set fines are not deployed as a mechanism for revenue generation. Instead, they serve as a critical tool to maintain compliance and uphold community standards when other measures are

ineffective. Ultimately, preference will be given to friendly resolution with charges and fines reserved for multiple repeat violations.

Given that no set-fines have been issued in 5+ years, any revenue impact is negligible, estimated between \$0–\$500 per year

Conclusion:

By setting these predefined penalties, the City can ensure consistent enforcement and deter non-compliance. Council approval of the fine schedule will aid in maintaining Belleville’s commitment to protection of wildlife and safety of the community.

Attachments:

[A By-law to Regulate Pigeon Pests - Set Fines](#)
[BL2010 158 Regulate Pigeon Pest](#)

Reviewed by:

Brandon Ferguson, Director of Finance/Treasurer
Doug Irwin, City Clerk
Marie Doherty, Director, People and Corporate Services
Matt MacDonald, Chief Administrative Officer

Status:

Approved - 13 Nov 2025
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City of Belleville
PART I Provincial Offences Act
By-law Number 2010-158: A By-law to Regulate Pigeon Pests

Item	Short Form Wording	Provisions Creating or Defining Offence	Set Fine
1	Feed or attract or permit the feeding or attraction of pigeons.	Section 2.	\$250

NOTE: The penalty provision for the offences above is Section 4 of By-law 2010-158, a certified copy of which has been filed.

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE

BY-LAW NUMBER 2010-158

A BY-LAW TO REGULATE PIGEON PESTS

WHEREAS Council deems it necessary to prevent public nuisances when pigeons spoil or roost on property without the occupiers or owners consent, caused when persons feed or attract pigeons to their private property but fail to limit or control them from neighbouring properties, and through regulation and prohibition Council wishes to promote the use and enjoyment of property in a healthy and sanitary manner free from unwanted pigeon pests;

AND WHEREAS Paragraph 2 of section 10 of the Municipal Act, 2001 S.O. 2001 c. 25 provides that by-laws may be passed respecting animals;

AND WHEREAS Section 128 of the Municipal Act, permits by-laws for prohibiting and regulating public nuisances, including matters that, in the opinion of council, are or could become or cause public nuisances;

AND WHEREAS on the 24th day of August, 2010, the Council of the City of Belleville did approve Item 11, Request for Report, recommending that the feeding of Pigeons be regulated as a public nuisance;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the City of Belleville enacts as follows:

DEFINITIONS

1. In this By-law:

“City” means the City of Belleville;

“feeding” or “feed” includes regular or intermittent supply of food, or allowing the placing or maintenance of a supply of food on a regular or intermittent basis, which food is accessible to or accessed by pigeons;

“Municipal Law Enforcement Officer” means a person designated as a municipal law enforcement pursuant to Section of the Police Services Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter as amended, and appointed for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of City By-laws;

“Other Property” does not include a property which is more than 75 metres from the property line of the property where feed being consumed by pigeons are located or property which is more than 75 meters from the property line where the feeding or otherwise attracting of pigeons occurs;

“Police Officer” means an officer of the Belleville Police Service and includes a special constable;

“public nuisance” in the absence of evidence to the contrary is deemed to include; pigeons that defecate on property, things or persons located there;

(ii) pigeons roosting, landing or nesting on property; or

(iii) pigeons which cause any interference with the normal use or enjoyment of a property; and

“their property” in regards to a person, means property which the person owns, occupies or has control over, but does not include property owned or occupied by the governments of Canada, Ontario, a municipality or local board thereof.

PROHIBITIONS

2. No person shall on land zoned residential or on any land owned by the City, feed or otherwise attract pigeons or allow, cause or permit the feeding or attraction of pigeons.

ENFORCEMENT

3. It shall be the duty of the Police Officers of the Belleville Police Service and Municipal Law Enforcement to enforce the provisions of this By-law.

4. Every person who contravenes any provision of this by-law is guilty of an offense and upon conviction is liable to the penalties specified in Section 61 of the Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.33, as amended.

5. This By-law shall come into force and take effect on the date of its passing and enactment.

Read a first time this 27th day of **September 2010**.

Read a second time this 27th day of **September 2010**.

Read a third time and finally passed this 27th day of **September 2010**.



NEIL R. ELLIS MAYOR



JULIE C. ORAM CITY CLERK