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# Niagara-on-the-Lake Strengthens Idling Reduction By-Law to Support a Sustainable Community

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In an effort to promote a greener community, Niagara-on-the-Lake Town Council passed an Idling Reduction By-law that will take effect June 1, 2024. This initiative aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions produced by idling vehicles, fulfilling a step in the Town's Climate Change Adaptation Plan. The By-law applies to both private and public property.

"On behalf of Council, we are thrilled to be taking this step to help reduce vehicle emissions in our community," stated Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa. "This By-law aligns with our Strategic Plan by promoting sustainable and environmentally friendly practices in Niagara-on-the-Lake. We hope that this initiative will encourage everyone to think about their carbon footprint and take steps to reduce it."

"The Idling Reduction By-law is an important step towards making our community more sustainable and protecting the environment," stated CAO Bruce Zvaniga. "Staff is committed to raising awareness and educating our residents and visitors about ways to support an eco-friendlier community. Thank you to Town Council for their direction and support and to Staff for their efforts in establishing this program."

The By-law states that drivers are not allowed to idle their vehicles for more than three minutes. The program will be mostly complaint-driven and failure to comply with the By-law could result in a \$350 fine.

For more information about the Idling Reduction By-law, please visit <https://www.notl.com/town-services/environmental-stewardship/idling-reduction-law>. To read the By-law, click [here](#).

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