



## The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

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### Staff Report

**Report Title: Regulate Refreshment Vehicle By-law –Lighthouse Park Inclusion**

**Date: May. 5, 2025**

**Report Number: CLK-2025-16**

**Department: Legislative Services**

**File Number: C11 CLK 25**

**Prepared By: Kelly Lush, Deputy Clerk**

**Attachments: Draft By-Law, Map**

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#### **Recommendation:**

THAT the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receive for information Report CLK-2025-16, prepared by Kelly Lush, Deputy Clerk;

AND FURTHER that the amended by-law be brought forward permitting refreshment vehicles to operate at Lighthouse Park.

#### **Background:**

Committee of the Whole received report [CLK-2025-09](#) suggesting updates to the current Regulate Refreshment Vehicles By-law No. 2006-50. The proposed changes are intended to permit refreshment vehicles to operate in more public places and reduce other restrictions. Committee requested further information on the purpose of the restriction for refreshment vehicles to operate on the lands at Lighthouse Park.

Report [CLK-2025-12](#) provided additional information on why Lighthouse Park located at 529 Lighthouse Road was excluded as an option for Refreshment Vehicles to locate and operate in the draft by-law.

Council directed Staff to remove the restriction for the Point Clark Lighthouse property and bring forward a report to identify how to implement day use at this location.

#### **Discussion/Analysis/Overview:**

In response to Council's direction, Staff have revised the draft By-law to remove the specific exception that restricted a refreshment vehicle from operating at the Lighthouse Park.

As identified in Report CLK-2025-12 identified there are several operational challenges that must be considered when allowing refreshment vehicles at this site, including;

- Parking congestion
- Boat Launch Conflicts - (trailer parking, maneuverability, etc)
- Land Use Complexity – Different ownership and land use agreements create the potential for confusion regarding where operations are permitted.

To address these concerns and ensure a smooth rollout for the 2025 season, Staff propose a monitoring and review-based approach. The following mitigation measures are recommended:

#### Congestion Management:

The revised by-law currently does not limit the number of refreshment vehicles permitted on-site at a given time. Staff explored several options to restrict operations to a single vehicle per day, but each presented logistical challenges:

1. First-come, first-served model: Difficult to enforce without on-site supervision and may result in disputes.
2. Daily registration system: Requires a transparent and administratively burdensome process to ensure fairness.
3. Seasonal exclusivity agreement: Would require a competitive process and additional time to implement.
4. Informal operator guidelines: Lacks enforceability and staff oversight capacity.

Given these limitations, staff recommend that congestion concerns be monitored throughout 2025. Adjustments or new restrictions can be considered based on observed activity and feedback.

#### Boat Launch and Land Eligibility:

Staff recommend that refreshment vehicles operate from the northeast corner of the Lighthouse parking lot, which minimizes conflicts with boat launch users and respects existing land use agreements. This preferred location is indicated on the attached map. Licensees will be provided with a copy of this map and instructions identifying eligible and restricted areas for operation.

#### Enforcement and Monitoring

The Township's By-law Enforcement staff will conduct periodic patrols of the area during the 2025 season. Enforcement will be primarily educational in nature as operators adjust to the new requirements.

Staff are also preparing an amendment to the Administrative Monetary Penalties By-law to incorporate enforcement mechanisms specific to the updated Refreshment Vehicle By-law. Should significant concerns arise during the season, Staff may return to Council with a subsequent report outlining findings and potential solutions.

#### Recommendation

Staff recommend that the Township proceed with the revised by-law permitting refreshment vehicles to operate at Lighthouse Park for the 2025 season. Staff will monitor site activity and community feedback throughout the year and report back to Council in late 2025 with recommendations for the 2026 season.

#### **Financial Impacts:**

The less restrictive by-law allows for an unlimited number of refreshment vehicle licences to be issued. It is anticipated that increased availability of sites to operate from will result in an increase in licences issued and increased licensing revenues.

**Performance Measurement:**

N/A

**Strategic Area:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prepare for Inclusive Growth       | <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure Financial Stability         |

**Strategic Goal:** Encourage economic vitality

**Respectfully Submitted By:**

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**Report Approved By:**

Jodi MacArthur, Chief Administrative Officer