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MANAGER'S REPOR	T NO.	25
COUNCIL MEETING	Apr.	20/76

Re: LETTER FROM THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL THAT APPEARED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE APRIL 12, 1976 MEETING OF COUNCIL (ITEM 6f) COLLECTION OF FINES

Appearing on last week's agenda was a letter from Mr. David H. Vicker's, Deputy Attorney-General, regarding the collection of fines related to contraventions of Municipal By-Laws. Following is a report from the Municipal Treasurer on this matter.

It is anticipated that a further report will be submitted in about six weeks time.

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council receive this report as an information item and table it pending receipt of a further report on a recommended course of action.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER

FROM: MUNICIPAL TREASURER RE: POLICE COURT

On 12 April 1976 Council received a letter from David H. Vickers, Deputy Attorney-General, which stated in effect: "In particular, we will no longer collect and remit fines owing to municipalities where a ticket or notice has been issued and where no information has been sworn and no summons issued."

Most of these are parking tickets; roughly, 1,000 per month. Many of these are not paid by the prescribed date and a complex collection action must take place. The Attorney-General is saying that in the first instance, the Province will not collect the fine; and in the second, will not follow it up if unpaid. He is also saying that in instances where a Judge gives time to pay on by-law offences, the Province will not follow up if the fine continues to be unpaid.

This problem requires thorough examination and the formulation of a solution.

RECOMMENDATION

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