

## **Brandon Compliance By-law comes into effect November 20, 2017**

*November 21, 2017*

Brandon, MB - Effective November 20, 2017 compliance tickets will be administered under new legislation enacted by the Province of Manitoba.

Municipalities were previously authorized to enforce by-law compliance under The Summary Convictions Act. The Province of Manitoba has now repealed this Act and adopted The Provincial Offences Act and The Municipal By-law Enforcement Act (the "MBEA"). The purpose of the MBEA is to give municipalities the ability to process and resolve parking violations and other contraventions of their by-laws using an administrative penalty scheme that does not involve court proceedings.

Currently, a person who wishes to challenge a compliance ticket must register a not guilty plea and appear to be heard in Provincial Court. This process is changing for Division I Compliance violations issued November 20, 2017 or later, the Screening Officer will hear such complaints and make a ruling. The City of Brandon will be offering an online screening service whereby a person who wishes to challenge a penalty notice may submit their reasoning for review. For those who may not have access to complete the online screening, the City will also have alternatives available upon request. Division II Provincial Offence violations will continue to be processed through the Provincial Courts and will be subject to additional mandated costs.

Per City of Brandon By-law 7198, the Screening Officer may uphold the full amount of the penalty, reduce the penalty, cancel the penalty, or enter into a compliance agreement. In order to maintain integrity of the Penalty Notice system, By-law 7198 establishes specific criteria an appeal must meet to be considered for penalty reduction or cancellation.

If the aggrieved individual does not agree with the decision of the Screening Officer, they have the option to file for a hearing before an Adjudicator appointed by the Province.

For additional information, contact the Finance Department, by phoning 204-729-2230, emailing [ScreeningOfficer@brandon.ca](mailto:ScreeningOfficer@brandon.ca) or visiting City Hall at 410-9<sup>th</sup> street, Brandon MB.