

Recommendation:

That the Clerk's Office-2025-14 report, dated May 6, 2025, regarding the draft By-law to License, Regulate, and Govern Mobile Canteens within the Township of Douro-Dummer be received and that Council approve the proposed By-law as presented and that By-law Number 2016-45 be repealed.

Overview:

Staff have prepared the attached proposed By-law which would replace the existing Mobile Canteen By-law. The current By-law is from 2016 and using the By-law over the past number of years various issues have arisen. Deficiencies are seen in areas such as special events, set fines, and the comprehensive licensing framework. The updated By-law provides a clearer, simpler approach to regulating Mobile Canteens within the Township. It also establishes defined standards to promote public health and safety, ensure regulatory compliance, and support local businesses and community events.

Statement of Intent:

The purpose of this By-law is to:

- Ensure public health and safety in relation to food preparation and service.
- Enforce fire safety regulations and liability insurance requirements.
- Control noise and nuisance through designated operating locations and litter management.

Operating Location Requirements:

- No Mobile Canteen shall operate without a valid Licence.
- Operation is restricted to designated zones as per the Township's Zoning By-law.
- Special Event Canteen permits exempt vendors from some of the Mobile Canteen Licence requirements.

Application Requirements:

Applicants must submit:

- A complete application package.
- Signed indemnification agreement.
- Proof of Health Unit approval.
- Proof of Fire Chief approval.
- Proof of Chief Building Official.
- Proof of Technical Standards and Safety Act (TSSA) compliance.
- Approval from Public Works regarding traffic flow and parking for special events as listed in Schedule "A".

Enforcement and Penalty:

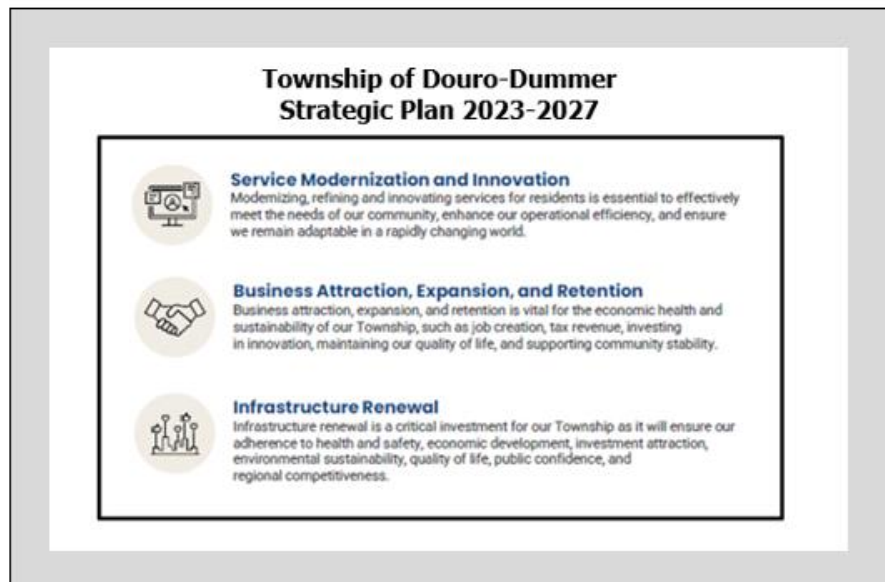
- The Clerk or their designate is responsible for issuing Licences.
- False information or obstruction of enforcement officers is prohibited.
- Any person who violates this by-law is guilty of an offence and, upon conviction, is subject to penalties under the *Provincial Offences Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.33, as amended.
- Any unpaid fines or penalties may be added to the property's tax roll and collected as municipal taxes.

Conclusion:

Township staff recommend the adoption of the proposed By-law to regulate Mobile Canteens, ensuring compliance with health, safety, and zoning requirements. The enforcement of this By-law will be overseen by the Clerk's Office and the Township Enforcement Staff.

Financial Impact:

All costs associated with compliance, including application fees, approvals, and penalties, are to be borne by the applicants.



Report Approval Details

Document Title:	License, Regulate and Govern Mobile Canteens By-law - Clerk's Office-2025-14.docx
Attachments:	- Draft By-law - Mobile Canteen By-law.docx
Final Approval Date:	May 1, 2025

This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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