• By-law No. 4091
• Idling Prohibited
• This needs to stay!
Perth the Town

• Preserves history and heritage
• Is a welcoming friendly town (theatre, festivals)
• Has parks and natural history features
• Fosters community pride
• Tourism and regional hub bring revenue
• Perth is ‘Picture Perfect Perth’ almost …
Managing Traffic

- Perth has challenges and problems
- Volume of cars, trucks, motorcycles
- Noise/stress to residents
- Air Quality and smell of excessive exhaust
- Vehicle exhaust exposes us to health issues:
  - Cardiovascular Disease, Asthma
  - Bronchitis, Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease,
  - Lung cancer, Diabetes, Dementia, Alzheimer’s
CFUW Environment Committee

In 2007, CFUW began promoting anti-idling as a local issue through various outreach efforts:

• presentations to schools;
• distribution of anti-idling, bookmarks and literature;
• posting signs at railway crossings and area businesses.
According to Jane Farrell, [chair] of the (CFUW) branch’s environmental committee, “the campaign has had an extremely favourable response from the public and even from local business owners.“

We’ve talked to businesses,” she explained to councillors last Tuesday. “They said it would be great to get people out of their cars and walking through the downtown.”

After reviewing the proposed bylaw in detail, the town’s chief administrative officer, Tim Simpson, stated that the best way to approach the issue would be through an aggressive public-education campaign, followed by a phased or staged legislative approach.

“We can all agree it’s a good thing,” he said. “What council could consider first is implementing no-idling zones (such as in the downtown core), followed by a more general bylaw, prohibiting idling in other specific or all areas of town.”
Perth’s Anti-Idling By-law Preamble

• And Whereas vehicles are a major source of nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxides and volatile organic compounds ("air pollutants") in the outdoor air in the Town of Perth;

• And Whereas the levels of air pollutants in the Town of Perth may be associated with adverse health effects, including deleterious effects on respiratory health;
Perth Anti-Idling By-Law

• Took effect June 30, 2011
• Why repeal by-law and why is it unenforceable? Not clear
• Consider recommendations from Tim Simpson, town’s chief administrative officer, who stated that the best way to approach anti-idling would be public education, and a phased approach (2008)
Planetary Climate Crisis

• is not going away
• is not someone else’s responsibility
• climate disruption is here – droughts, floods, tornadoes, increased freeze/thaw cycles
• Birds and insects are in decline
• Deforestation – trees dying, infestations, fires
Lowering Emissions & Mitigation

• Ontario towns with anti-idling by-laws include Perth, Ottawa, Kingston, Hamilton, London, Pickering, Caledon, Mississauga, Orillia, Orangeville, Halton Hills, Brampton and more…

• After a public education campaign by the Carleton Place Environment Advisory Committee Anti-Idling by-law will be in force, Sept 1, 2020.
Perth Can Be a Leader

• Lead climate action/inspire others
• Consider a more pedestrian-centric town
• Safe place for young families and seniors
• A desirable place to walk and cycle
• Harmonize with other jurisdictions: Lanark County, Tay Valley Township, Carleton Place
What To Do Now

• Retain Anti-idling By-Law
• Aggressive Public Education Program
• Refurbish existing anti-idling signs
• Add more signs
• Have By-Law Officers:
  - Give warnings during phase-in
  - Fines for repeat offenders

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