



Hamilton

Municipal Law Enforcement  
2009-2010

# Municipal Law Enforcement

## **Team-Based Enforcement Approach;**

- Licensing & Permits
- Property Standards & Zoning
  - New Project Compliance
- Environmental
- Special Enforcement

## **Allows for:**

- Officer specialization & proficiency
- Consistency in enforcement
- More manageable approach to enforcement activities

# Enforcement Teams

Environmental	Property Standards & Zoning	Licensing & Permits	Special Enforcement
<b>Yard Waste/Maintenance By-law</b> (long weeds/grass; Garbage/debris; inoperable vehicles)  <b>Snow and Ice By-law</b>  <b>Solid Waste By-law</b> (2 By-laws) including illegal dumping  <b>Streets/Traffic By-law</b> (5 By-laws) ( mud tracking; road encumbrances; road games)	<b>Property Standards By-law</b> internal/external issues, (open to trespass, Handrails, plumbing, windows, etc.)  <b>Zoning By-law</b> (6 By-laws) Illegal use of property	<b>Business Licensing</b>  <b>Zoning – Business Zoning</b>  <b>Sign Enforcement</b>  <b>Lodging Homes</b>  <b>Residential Care Facilities</b>  <b>Taxi Inspection</b>	<b>Vital Services By-law</b>  <b>Residential Heat By-law</b> (Sept 1 to May 31)  <b>Noise By-law</b> ( barking dogs, industrial, loud music, parties, patios, nuisance noise)  <b>Multiple By-law Issues</b>  <b>Multi-Agency Task Force</b> – Partner with Hamilton Police, Hamilton Fire Prevention, Public Health to address compliance on a variety of City By-laws

# Community Based By-Law Enforcement Strategy





# Updated By-law 101

## What Occupants and Property Owners Need to Know

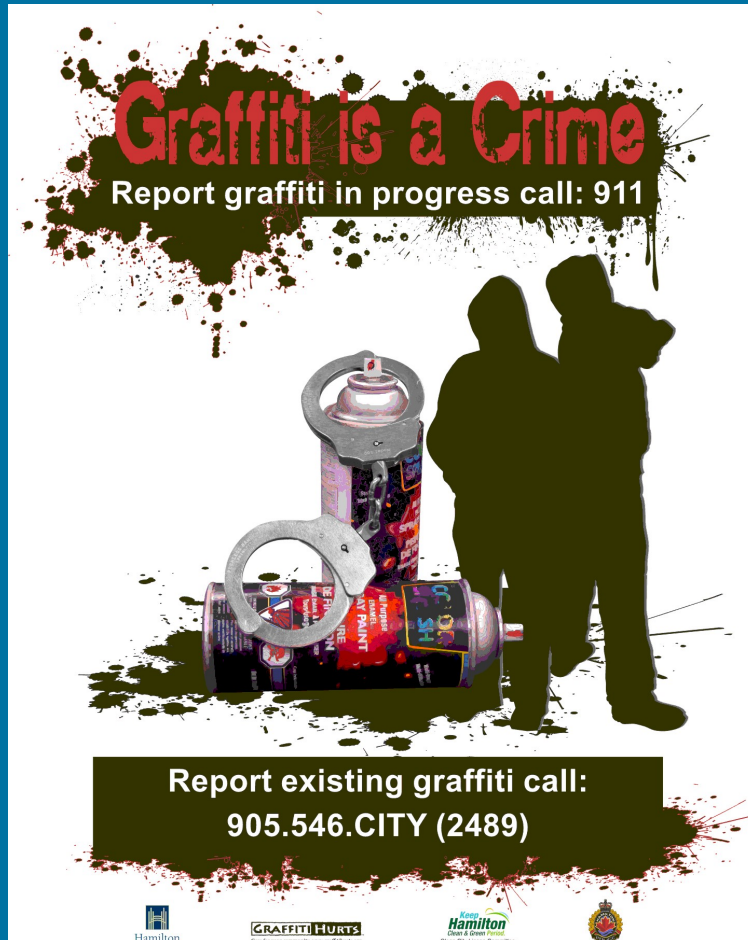


**Pamphlet Provides information  
on more common By-Laws:  
Yard Waste & Maintenance,  
Noise, Waste Collection, Public  
Nuisance, Snow, Illegal  
Dumping, Trees, Grass  
Alternatives**



# “Graffiti Is A Crime”

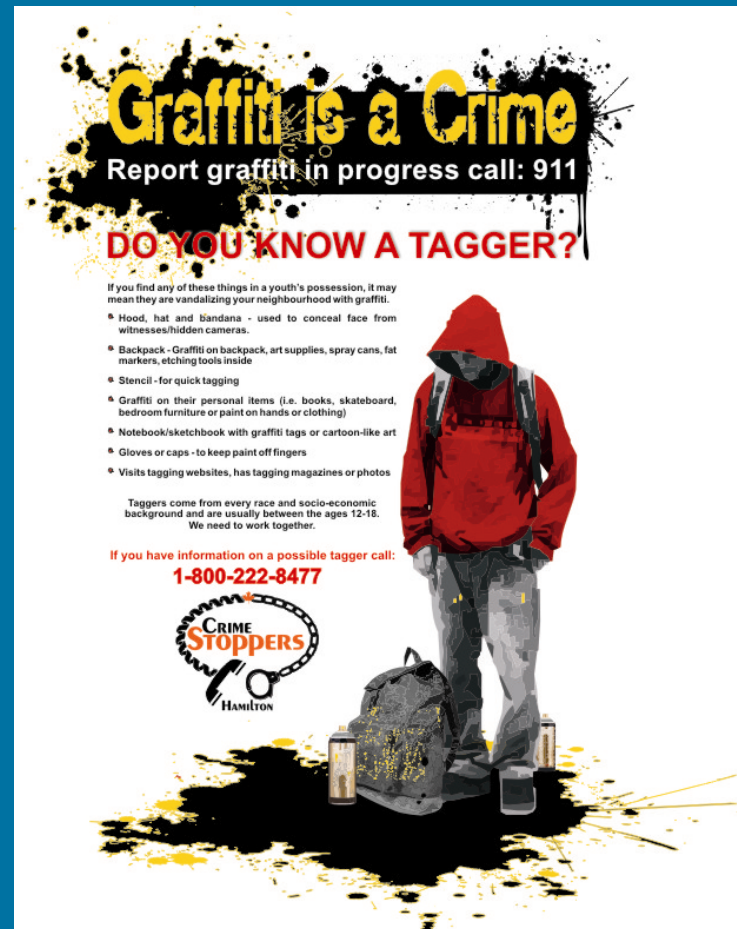
## “Do You Know A Tagger”



**Graffiti is a Crime**  
Report graffiti in progress call: 911

Report existing graffiti call:  
905.546.CITY (2489)

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**DO YOU KNOW A TAGGER?**

If you find any of these things in a youth's possession, it may mean they are vandalizing your neighbourhood with graffiti.

- Hood, hat and bandana - used to conceal face from witnesses/hidden cameras.
- Backpack - Graffiti on backpack, art supplies, spray cans, fat markers, etching tools inside
- Stencil - for quick tagging
- Graffiti on their personal items (i.e. books, skateboard, bedroom furniture or paint on hands or clothing)
- Notebook/sketchbook with graffiti tags or cartoon-like art
- Gloves or caps - to keep paint off fingers
- Visits tagging websites, has tagging magazines or photos

Taggers come from every race and socio-economic background and are usually between the ages 12-18.  
We need to work together.

If you have information on a possible tagger call:  
**1-800-222-8477**

**CRIME STOPPERS**  
HAMILTON

# SOS - Snow Off Sidewalks



## 2009

- SOS Public Awareness Campaign
- Reactive & Proactive Enforcement
- New “get tough” enforcement

## 2010

- Expanded campaign with support from Public Works, (billboard/bus shelters/street furniture & Canada Post
- Revised pamphlet includes curb cuts & road info
- Messages sent to BIA's & neighbourhood committees

# New Enforcement Strategies

Increase in PON's & Part III's issued (2008 vs 2009)

By-Law Name	By-Law No.	2008	2009	% Change
Noise	By-law 03-020	12	131	992%
Property Standards	By-law 03-117	7	16	129%
Yard Waste & Maintenance	By-law 03-118	2	22	1000%
Heat	By-law 04-091, Section 3	0	2	0%
Sign By-law	By-law 06-243	2	169	8350%
Licensing	By-law 07-170	24	63	163%
Public Nuisance	By-law 09-110	0	3	0%
Tree		1	0	-100%
Planning Act RSO 1990 (Obstruction)	Planning Act RSO 1990 (Obstruction)	0	2	0%
OBC	OBC	13	0	-100%
Zoning	Various	9	54	500%
Total Charges		<b>70</b>	<b>462</b>	560%

# Enforcement Programs

## Summer Student Pilot Program

834 Complaints for long grass/weeds & garbage/debris

Proactive Enforcement - Solid Waste Management By-law

Officers patrol after every collection day

22 Orders issued first week of September, 20 complied



# New Project Compliance

A complaint process for people living in rental units and enforcement of the Property Standards & Yard Waste Maintenance By-laws

- 18 month pilot program
- **Proactive** inspection of properties across Wards 1 -8
- 6 part time project compliance officers

Proactive Blitz Done in Ward 1

July 28: 40 Properties

- 14 Order for PS
- 14 Field Orders for Yard
- 20 Courtesy Letters

September 14: 25 Properties

- 9 Orders for PS
- 8 Field Orders for Yard
- 12 Courtesy Letters

Questions ????