

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

**To**

### **BY-LAW No. 2025-32**

(Appointment of Hearing Officer – Administrative Monetary Penalty System)

The purpose of the By-law is to formally appoint a Hearing Officer pursuant to the Town of Wasaga Beach Appointment of Screening and Hearing Officers By-law 2024-48. This Appointment By-law is necessary to appoint the hearing officer for the administration of the Town's AMPS By-law for both parking and non-parking infractions within the Town.

This By-law appoints W. Paul Dray as a Hearing Officer for a term ending December 31, 2026, or until a successor is appointed. Mr. Dray's appointment supports the AMP system by enabling persons who have received a penalty notice and undergone a Screening Officer review to request a further hearing, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 333/07 made under the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

The appointment of a Hearing Officer ensures procedural fairness and satisfies the requirement under the Regulation for municipalities to provide a second level of review for penalty decisions issued under AMP systems.

This By-law is properly before Council for consideration.