

Attachment 1 – Proposed Changes to By-laws

Long Grass and Weeds By-law

1. To enact a Long Grass and Weeds By-law which has the following main provisions:
 - a. To create a “Long Grass and Weeds” by-law that requires grass, weeds and ground cover exceeding 20 cm to be cut and removed within as little time as 72 hours by the property owner, which if not done can be done by the City with costs charged to the owner.
 - b. To create enforcement provisions in which, if a property is not in compliance with the by-law, enforcement officers may issue:
 - i. an order requiring grass, ground cover and weeds to be removed as soon as within 72 hours of issuance;
 - ii. an administrative monetary penalty of \$250, or provincial fine of between \$500 and \$100,000.
 - c. To create provisions within this by-law, that remedial work and unpaid penalties and fines can be added to a person’s tax roll.
 - d. To allow persons to appeal any administrative monetary penalties or provincial fines, but not the order to cut their grass and weeds.

Property Standards By-law

2. To remove provisions for maximum grass and weed height from the Property Standards, section 5.1(1)(c), that states, “(c) Weeds and grass exceeding eight inches (8”) in height;”.

Dumping By-law

3. To remove provisions for maximum grass and weed height from the Dumping By-law, 5.0(2) which states, “The Owner of any Property shall clean and clear said Property and the Boulevard directly adjacent to his or her Property on a regular basis, and all grass and weeds on said Property or on the Boulevard directly adjacent to his or her Property shall not exceed a height of 20 centimetres.”.