

# **Municipality of Lakeshore - Report to Council**

## **Community & Development Services**

### **Building Services**



**To:** Mayor & Members of Council

**From:** Morris Harding, Manager of Building Services

**Date:** March 25, 2021

**Subject:** Amendments to the Yard Maintenance By-law – Follow Up

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### **Recommendation**

Direct the Clerk to present By-law 28-2021, a By-law to amend 54-2018, being a By-law to Provide for the Maintenance of Land in a Clean and Clear Condition, for reading at the April 20, 2021 Council meeting; and,

Direct Administration to submit set fines for the new offences in the amended by-law in the amount of \$250.00, as described in the report presented at the April 6, 2021 Council meeting.

### **Background**

This purpose of this report is to address the following motion which was passed at the September 1, 2020 Regular Council meeting:

308-09-2020

Direct Administration to bring a report regarding options to reduce stagnant water resulting from unopened pools.

Carried

Through amendments to the Yard Maintenance By-law, the following motion can also be addressed, which was passed at the May 21, 2019 Regular Council meeting.

286-05-2019

Direct Administration to bring a report regarding a regulatory by-law for garbage cans, recycle bins and debris.

Carried

At the March 23, 2021 Council meeting, Council received a report entitled, Amendments to the Yard Maintenance By-law. Council deferred the report pending further information regarding hard-sided waste receptacles but indicated an interest in seeing the swimming pool cover aspect of the by-law return to Council soon in time for the opening of pools.

## **Comments**

Our current Yard Maintenance By-law does not have provisions that will permit the Municipality to specifically address stagnant water on pool covers, ponds or hot tubs. Adding provisions will help eliminate unsafe conditions from occurring during the spring and summer months. The By-Law amendment is also intended to deal with garbage cans, recycle bins and debris left on the road allowance or roadway. The current By-law with revised amended wording is shown in track changes in Attachment 1. The revised amendment also addresses waste receptacles being left in the roadway for too long.

Administration responsible for the solid waste collection contract will pursue discussions with the solid waste collection contractor regarding hard-sided waste receptacles and prepare a report to Council in the future.

## **Financial Impacts**

There will be increased staff hours associated with enforcing the amendment to this By-Law. At this time figures are not available to provide Council. After the first season Administration will have a clearer understanding of the time required for enforcement and will be able to report back. Any variances in wages due to overtime costs will be reported through the quarterly variance reports.

## **Attachment 1: Track changes amendment**

## Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Amendments to Yard Maintenance By-law - Updated.docx
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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