

Town of Riverview

COUNCIL REPORT FORM



Presented to: Mayor & Council

Department: Administration

Date: August 1, 2016

Subject: Amendment to Traffic By-Law re Tall Grass

BACKGROUND

As the Town receives many complaints concerning tall grass on residential properties, staff did some research into what other communities are doing to tackle this problem.

The City of Dieppe has a section within their "Streets and Sidewalks" by-law that gives them the ability to enforce the cutting of grass on residential properties. They enforce this section regularly by sending out a friendly notice and fining if the grass is not cut. According to their By-Law Enforcement department, the sending of the letter works 95% of the time.

We are proposing that the Town of Riverview add the following under "Section II - General" of "BY-LAW 700-10-3 - A BY-LAW RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF TRAFFIC, PARKING AND THE USE OF STREETS IN THE TOWN OF RIVERVIEW".

"With the exception of a vacant lot, any person who owns or leases a property shall ensure that the lawn or grass growing on that property, including on that portion of the street immediately in front of or adjacent to such property, does not measure more than 20 centimeters."

Although the notices that we currently send often results in the cutting of the grass, the addition of this clause would give us another level of enforcement should the notice not be sufficient. Under this by-law, any person in violation may be liable to a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) and not more than one thousand and seventy dollars (\$1070.00).

CONSIDERATIONS

Legal:

The Town's solicitors were consulted concerning this addition to ensure the legality of such a clause and we were informed that there is no reason we would not be able to enact such a by-law.

Communication Plan:

As with other by-law amendments, this amendment will be posted on the Town's website for the required period of time and will be presented to Council for the required three readings.

RECOMMENDATION FROM STAFF

Staff recommends the attached amendment to By-Law 700-10-3 – A By-Law Relating to the Regulation of Traffic, Parking and the Use of Streets in the Town of Riverview be recommended for adoption.

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