

COMMUNICATION 132029

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Topic: Amendment to Waste Collection By-law 19-2013 and Fees and Charges By-law 114-2020

BACKGROUND

The existing Waste Collection By-Law 19-2013 requires review and update periodically to ensure it captures the Town's current Solid Waste Management program. As there have been some changes in the program since the by-law enactment in 2013, it is deemed appropriate to amend the by-law to provide clarity, ensure compliance and allow enforcement.

DISCUSSION:

Public Works staff undertook a review of waste by-laws from neighboring municipalities to establish a benchmark for best practices in this area. Staff also reviewed the Town's existing by-law to outline those areas of our program which were not currently covered under the by-law.

The following summarize the changes made to the Waste Collection By-law:

Section 1 - Definitions – In order for a by-law to be enforceable, the terminology within must be clearly defined. Under Item (c) "Uncollectible Waste", bio-medical waste was added (xii), and some relief to the animal waste restriction was provided to allow a maximum of 7 kg (xiv) to recognize pet waste currently being disposed of. The Downtown Core was defined (i); private property was removed from the street definition (f); and the fluorescent stock reference was removed from garbage stickers (h).

Section 2 - Storage, Disposal and Transportation of Waste – reference was added to item (e) regarding an administration fee which was previously missing. This fee is applied when the Town needs to pick up improper waste left curbside and not removed by the owner. Item (i) was added to deal with scavenging issues.

Section 3 – Municipal Waste Collection System – There was a minor change to Item (b) to allow waste to be placed curbside no earlier than 5:00 p.m. (previously 6:00 p.m.) to accommodate businesses that close at 5:00 p.m. Item (f) was added with respect to private roads as the existing by-law did not identify the need for an agreement.

Items (c) was revised and item (g) was added to address the issue of multi-residential units. Buildings with seven (7) or more units will be required to use carts or rear tip dumpsters as opposed to placing garbage bags at the curb. This measure will help reduce the mess at the curb on collection days. Exceptions are provided with respect to the downtown core with no rear access to a municipal street, and for those buildings with up to 19 units in existence before the passing of this by-law (grandfathering provision).

Section 4 – Uncollectible Waste – Item (c) was modified to remove hours of operation from the table and to update the options for scrap metal and tires; Item (d) was added for enforcement and billing purposes.

Appendix 'A' was modified to remove the box provisions from the existing appendix.

It has been the Town's practice to have all fees located in the Fees and Charges By-law 114-2020 as opposed to having them in each individual by-law. It is therefore recommended that an administration fee of \$100 referred to in Item 4(d) of the Waste Collection By-law be set in the Fees and Charges By-law 114-2020 by way of a by-law amendment.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approves the proposed amendments to Waste Collection By-law 19-2013 and the amendment to the Fees and Charges By-law 114-2020 as outlined in the report prepared by the Director of Public Works dated February 23, 2021.