

REPORT FROM THE DEPUTY CLERK AND ACCESSIBILITY COORDINATOR

DESCRIPTION

Re: Updated Waste Collection By-Law 21-28

RECOMMENDATION

That the report from the Deputy Clerk and Accessibility Coordinator be received;

And that the draft Waste Collection By-Law be available for public comment for a two week time frame;

And that staff report back to the Committee with a summary of public comments at a future meeting

BACKGROUND

In April of 2021 The Garbage By-law was updated and passed by council. Key updates included an update to language and definitions, the introduction of bag limits and bag tags with an intended implementation date of January 2022 as well as a comprehensive list of the types of materials approved for recycling and hazardous waste, etc.

Staff have been working with the by-law since its passing and have noted a few areas that require updating and/or amending for enforcement purposes and to amend the introduction date of bag tags and limits.

ANALYSIS

A comprehensive review of the current bylaw has been conducted by municipal enforcement and the Director of Public Works and is in final draft for presentation to the committee.

This report identifies the detailed amendments that are proposed to enhance the collection of waste and recyclable materials within the municipality.

- The term “Garbage” has been replaced with “Waste” throughout the document in order to modernize the language utilized in the By-Law.
- Reference to recycling has been added through out in order to ensure the municipality is separating and recycling waste appropriately.
- All the following edits have been highlighted through out the document for ease of reference and review.

- The following definitions have been added to the bylaw in order to modernize process and increase enforceability.
 - o Blue-box
 - o Hazardous waste
 - o Improper storage
- The Implementation of Bag Tags previously introduced in the By-Law has been amended to reflect a new start date.
- Effective April 1st, 2023 any bags or containers in excess of the limits set out in this by-law must possess a bag tag.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Bag tags will be available at City Hall beginning January 1st, 2023 at a fee of \$2.00 per tag or \$20.00 per booklet.

This Bylaw has been sent to the Attorney General for review and confirmation of fees/fines.

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLAN

This project aligns with the City's Strategic Plan through Environmental stewardship and Health and community wellness.

SUMMARY

With the repeal of the current bylaw and implementation of this amended version this by-law will be more effective and efficient for the purposes of waste and recyclables collection and enforceability for the municipal enforcement officers in partnership with the GFL contracted collection company.

It is recommended that the proposed by-law be open for public review for a period of two weeks and brought back to committee partnered with a synopsis of community input.