



Staff Report

Legal Services – By-law

Report To: Committee of the Whole Meeting
Meeting Date: November 1, 2022
Report Number: FAF.22.159
Title: Amendment to By-law 2021-38
Prepared by: Wayne DeWitt, Supervisor By-law Enforcement

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.22.159, entitled “Amendment to By-law 2021-38”;

AND THAT Council amend By-law 2021-38 to remove Raymond White as a Municipal Weed Inspector, and to appoint Brenda Doyle as a Municipal Weed Inspector for the purposes of enforcing the Weed Control Act within Council’s jurisdiction.

B. Overview

This report requests that Council amend By-law 2021-38, being a By-law to appoint a Municipal Weed Inspector, to remove Raymond White as a Municipal Weed Inspector, and to appoint Brenda Doyle as a Municipal Weed Inspector for the purposes of enforcing the Weed Control Act within Council’s jurisdiction.

C. Background

By-law No. 2021-38 was enacted on May 3, 2021, to appoint Wayne DeWitt and Raymond White as Municipal Weed Inspectors. As Raymond White has since departed his position with the Town of The Blue Mountains, an amendment to By-law 2021-38 must be enacted to remove Raymond’s name from the list of appointed Weed Inspectors and replace it with the appointment of Brenda Doyle.

D. Analysis

With the advent of a Municipal-wide Property Standards By-Law, as mandated by the Province, there is the opportunity to enforce our Long Grass and Weeds By-Law on lands containing noxious weeds, such as wild chervil and giant hogweed. Without the Town-wide Property Standards By-Law, enforcement of this was only possible through the Weed Control Act. While this is good Legislation and may have to be used in some circumstances, utilizing our Long Grass and Weeds By-Law instead of the Weed Control Act will allow for a timelier response and the ability to have noxious weeds destroyed more promptly. Due to this new area being added to the Property Standards By-law (the whole of the Municipality), there has been a larger demand

for service of these complaints. To appoint Officer Doyle as a Municipal Weed Inspector will allow her the authority to enforce both pieces of Legislation. It is anticipated Officer Doyle will take the “lead” on these calls, and Wayne DeWitt will retain the ability to provide backup if required.

Therefore, it is requested that Council amend By-law 2021-38 to Remove Raymond White as a Municipal Weed Inspector and to authorize MLEO Brenda Doyle to be able to enforce the Weed Control Act, if required, within the Town’s jurisdiction.

E. Strategic Priorities

2. Organizational Excellence

We will continually seek out ways to improve the internal organization of Town Staff and the management of Town assets.

3. Community

We will protect and enhance the community feel and the character of the Town, while ensuring the responsible use of resources and restoration of nature.

F. Environmental Impacts

Appropriate measures will be taken to ensure that weeds are controlled in an environmentally friendly manner.

G. Financial Impacts

N/A

H. In Consultation With

N/A

I. Public Engagement

The topic of this Staff Report has not been the subject of a Public Meeting and/or a Public Information Centre as neither a Public Meeting nor a Public Information Centre are required. However, any comments regarding this report should be submitted to Wayne DeWitt, bylawinfo@thebluemountains.ca.

J. Attached

1. Draft By-law to amend By-law 2021-38

Respectfully submitted,

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