



Staff Report

Community Services – By-law Enforcement

Report To: COW- Admin, Corp and Finance, SI, Comm. Services
Meeting Date: April 27, 2026
Report Number: CS.26.028
Title: Amendment to By-law 2021-38, Being a By-law to Appoint a Municipal Weed Inspector
Prepared by: Debbie Young, Manager of By-law and Licensing

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report CS.26.028, entitled “Amendment to By-law 2021-38, Being a By-law to Appoint a Municipal Weed Inspector”;

AND THAT Council amends By-law 2021-38 to appoint Caroline Krasniewski and Gurjot Singh as Municipal Weed Inspectors for the purposes of enforcing the Weed Control Act within Council’s jurisdiction.

B. Overview

This report outlines a request that Council amend By-law 2021-38, being a By-law to appoint a Municipal Weed Inspector, to appoint Caroline Krasniewski and Gurjot Singh as Municipal Weed Inspectors 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 Municipal Weed Inspectors. Currently, Morgan May and Jeremy Dufour are appointed as Municipal Weed Inspectors. As both Morgan May and Jeremy Dufour are no longer employed by the Town of The Blue Mountains, there is a requirement to appoint new officers. The Town’s [Long Grass and Weeds By-law 2003-25](#) provide the municipality with authority to address complaints respecting the height of grass and weeds on private property as well as identify approximately 25 known weeds. Where vegetation exceeds the maximum height permitted under the by-law, Municipal Law Enforcement Officers may take appropriate enforcement action.

In addition to the Town’s by-law, the Weed Control Act provides authority to address noxious weeds in certain circumstances through the appointment of Municipal Weed Inspectors. This provincial legislation remains an important enforcement tool where specific noxious weed issues arise and where municipal by-law provisions may not apply.

Currently, none of the Town's By-law Officers are appointed as Municipal Weed Inspectors, as the previously appointed inspectors are no longer employed by the Town of The Blue Mountains.

D. Analysis

There has been an increase in request for service in relation to long grass and weeds. Currently, none of The Town's By-law Officers are appointed as municipal weed inspectors, as both of the appointed inspectors are no longer employed by the Town of The Blue Mountains. Appointing Municipal Weed Inspectors will ensure the Town has the necessary authority to respond to complaints involving noxious weeds under the Weed Control Act, in addition to existing enforcement available under the Town's Long Grass and Weeds By-law.

Additionally, the Weed Inspectors are able to enforce the Town's Abandoned Orchard By-law 2003-38. Therefore, it is recommended that Council amend By-law 2021-38 to authorize MLEOs, Caroline Krasniewski and Gurjot Singh 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

The cost for both Officer's to obtain the Weed Inspector certification was \$85 each for a total of \$170. These costs were included in the budget under By-law Training.

H. In Consultation With

Ryan Gibbons, Director of Community Services

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 Debbie Young, Manager of By-law and Licensing, bylawadmin@thebluemountains.ca.

J. Attached

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

Respectfully submitted,

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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