



AMHERST TOWN COUNCIL

RFD# 2023055

Date: April 24, 2023

TO: Mayor Kogon and Members of Council

SUBMITTED BY: Aaron Bourgeois, Director of Operations

DATE: April 24, 2023

SUBJECT: Maintenance of Grass Bylaw Review

ORIGIN: A complete policy and bylaw review is a one of Council's strategic priorities.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY: MGA section 47(1) states; The council shall make decisions in the exercise of its powers and duties by resolution, by policy or by by-law.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council give first reading of the amendments to the Maintenance of Grass Bylaw D-21.

BACKGROUND: This bylaw was enacted in 2005 and requires property owners to maintain the grass between the sidewalk and curb in front of their property. Long grass between the curb and sidewalk can create public safety hazards and is not aesthetically pleasing.

DISCUSSION: Staff are not recommending any changes to the standards or penalties in the existing bylaw. The recommended changes are minor housekeeping items to help provide clarity and interpretation of the bylaw and for the format of the bylaw to be consistent other bylaws and policies that have recently been revised.

New Sections

1. SHORT TITLE

(1) This Bylaw shall be known as Bylaw Number D-21, and may be cited as the "Grass Maintenance Bylaw."

2. PURPOSE

(1) The purpose of this Bylaw is to ensure any grasses between a sidewalk and curb or the edge of the road are maintained at a reasonable height such that the height of the grass is not unsightly or pose a public safety hazard.

3. DEFINITIONS

(1) In this Bylaw:

(a) "Public Safety Hazard" means obstructions to pedestrians, cyclists and motorized vehicles and sight restrictions along sidewalks and streets.

(b) "Grass" means any lawns, grasses and or weeds.





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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: There are no financial implications.

SOCIAL JUSTICE IMPLICATIONS: There are no social justice implications.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS: There are no environmental implications.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: There is no community engagement required at this time.

ALTERNATIVES:

Direct staff to make additional changes to the bylaw.

Do not approve the proposed amendments to the bylaw.

ATTACHMENTS:

Maintenance of Grass Bylaw D-21 – Existing

Maintenance of Grass Bylaw D-21 – Proposed

Report prepared by: Aaron Bourgeois, Director of Operations

Report and Financial approved by:

