

Memorandum

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TO: Members of Council
FROM: Krista Power, City Clerk
DATE: Thursday, June 16, 2022
SUBJECT: Additional Information/New Business
City Council (Public Meeting)/Committee of the Whole – June 20, 2022

CITY COUNCIL (PUBLIC MEETING)

Additional Information

1. Memorandum from Senior Planner Decio Lopes, dated June 16, 2022 relative to R 100/2022 – Application for Zoning Bylaw Amendment – 380 Belton Street. **(Distributed separately to Members of Council and City Manager only)**

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Additional Information

1. Memorandum from Manager – Licensing & Enforcement Doug Vincent dated June 15, 2022 containing a recommendation relative to the above noted.
2. Letter of Support from Councillor Andrew Foulds, Chair – EarthCare Advisory Committee dated June 14, 2022 relative to Clean & Clear Yards By-law, for information.

New Business

1. Establishment of Committee of the Whole – Closed Session – June 27, 2022

The following resolution will be presented to Committee of the Whole for consideration:

“ THAT a Committee of the Whole – Closed Session meeting be scheduled for Monday, June 27, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. in order to receive information pursuant to the Municipal Act (Section 239 (2)) relative to:

(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;

- (c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;
- (e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;
- (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- (j) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial or financial information that belongs to the municipality or local board and has monetary value or potential monetary value; and
- (k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.”

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Krista Power - City Clerk
FROM: Doug Vincent, Manager of Licensing and Enforcement
DATE: June 15, 2022
SUBJECT: Animal Control By-law Amendments – Administration Update
Committee of the Whole – June 20, 2022

At the September 20, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting, a resolution was passed recommending that Council approve the work plan and priorities for the review of enforcement By-laws as outlined in Report R 120/2021 (Development & Emergency Services/Licensing & Enforcement). At the December 13, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting, a memorandum was presented from Licensing & Enforcement requesting that the presentation date be rescheduled to April 11, 2022. At the January 10, 2022 Committee of the Whole a resolution was passed relative to a memorandum from City Manager Norm Gale directing Administration to defer items on the Outstanding List for all Departments by up to two (2) months.

Amendments to the Nuisance Animal Control By-law 22-1995, along with Property Standards By-law and the Yard Maintenance By-laws, are all strategically linked to the Division's restructuring plan and it was hoped that all would progress and be presented together on June 20, 2022. The latter two by-laws were the highest priority and the review resulted in four new by-laws being proposed. A healthy public engagement process provided extensive feed back in many areas. Administration then engaged with stakeholders through follow-up meetings and then those subsequent changes were then made to by-laws, to best address those concerns where possible. Unfortunately, the contemplated Nuisance Animal Control By-law amendments could not receive adequate time for internal due to the additional time spend on the priority by-laws.

Until the Nuisance Animal Control By-Law is updated the Division can continue to utilize existing processes to deal with issues until the recommended amendments (or a new By-law) can be brought forward to Council. The delay of this item will not have an operational impact on the Division at this time. Additionally, in recognition of the volume of remaining restructuring work and other Reports that need to be addressed, Administration recommends this Report come back in early 2023. As a result the following resolution is provided for Council's consideration.

WITH RESPECT to the Memorandum from Doug Vincent, Manager, Licensing and Enforcement dated June 20, 2022, we recommend that the report back date relating to (Outstanding Item 2021-116 DEV) be changed from June 20, 2022 to February 27, 2023.

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cc: Joel DePeuter, Acting General Manager – Development & Emergency Services

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Mauro and Members of City Council

FROM: Councillor A. Foulds, Chair – EarthCare Advisory Committee

DATE: June 14, 2022

RE: **Clean & Clear Yards By-law – Letter of Support**

At their June 14 meeting, the EarthCare Advisory Committee of Council passed the following resolution:

With respect to the Clean & Clear Yards By-law being presented to City Council on June 20, 2022;

THAT the EarthCare Advisory Committee send a memorandum to City Council in support of the Clean & Clear Yards By-law, recognizing that the new By-law directly advances the climate and sustainability goals found within the Net-Zero Strategy, Climate Adaptation Strategy, and EarthCare Sustainability Plan.

The updated Clean & Clear Yards By-law affords citizens the opportunity to engage in ecological restoration activities without fear of triggering By-law notices. This By-law directly supports the Community Greening action within the Sustainability Plan to identify projects that aim to increase biodiversity by protecting, maintaining, or rehabilitating public and private lands. In addition, it supports the Natural Area near term tactic within the Net-Zero Strategy to explore opportunities for enhanced carbon sequestration on city-owned and private land. Finally, amending this by-law could also support the Climate Adaptation Strategy objective 5.2 to preserve and enhance natural landscape features that increase the city's resiliency.

Natural gardens have many benefits including a greater ability to respond to extreme weather and climate change by effectively managing stormwater and improve biodiversity by creating habitat for urban wildlife. These gardens also bring beauty to our urban environment, creating new spaces for citizens to connect with nature. There are a great variety of native and low-water use plants that thrive in our climate and require only the rain water in order to survive.

Some advantages of native plants are:

- They tolerate our weather better than non-native plants
- By slowing, reducing and filtering runoff, they improve the quality of the stormwater and help prevent flooding.
- They are more resistant to disease and thus require less fertilizer and pesticides
- They increase carbon sequestration and decrease the need for power tool use, lowering CO2 emissions from mowers, trimmers, aerators and the like.

The EarthCare Advisory Committee supports the Clean & Clear Yards By-law, knowing it will move the City closer to meeting its goals and objectives under the EarthCare Sustainability Plan, Net-Zero Strategy, and Climate Adaptation Strategy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Foulds', followed by a horizontal flourish.

Councillor A. Foulds, Chair
EarthCare Advisory Committee

cc: K. Marshall – General Manager – Infrastructure & Operations
S. Stevenson, Sustainability Coordinator – Infrastructure & Operations
L. Grace – Administrative Assistant – Environment Division