



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: August 9, 2021

Title: Boulevard By-law

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Department: Building and Planning

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Recommendation:

THAT Council authorize the Acting Clerk to bring forward for approval, the proposed Boulevard By-law # 2021-____. This bylaw will provide the Building and Planning Department with the ability to prescribe and enforce standards for Boulevards within the municipal boundaries.

Background:

The Municipal Act provides the authority for a Municipality to enact by-laws to regulate maintenance and use of the boulevard portion of highways under its jurisdiction and within its municipal boundaries.

Through application of the Property Standards and Property Maintenance By-laws it was determined that no immediate enforcement measures were available to the Municipal Bylaw Officers for boulevards adjacent to existing properties in the City of Dryden.

Discussion:

The Building and Planning Department carries the responsibility to enforce the Property Standards and Property Maintenance By-laws in the City of Dryden. Through communication, voluntary compliance and enforcement, the department has been relatively successful in dealing with violations of these by-laws. In addition, when boulevards are not maintained it can create additional pressure for Public Works to perform services such as sidewalk installation, sidewalk sweeping and general maintenance of curbing etc.

Through the knowledge of the by-laws and an increase in disregard for maintenance of boulevards within the Municipality, it was prudent to bring forward a by-law to provide direction to staff in this regard. This by-law will better enable the municipality to encourage greater and quicker compliance and will also aid in providing clarity to property owners.

Attachments (Reference Material):

Draft Boulevard By-law