



**The Corporation of the City of Cornwall**  
**Regular Meeting of Council**  
**By-law Explanatory Note**

Department: Planning, Development and Recreation  
Division: Building and By-law  
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Subject: Note to Yard Maintenance By-law House Keeping  
Amendments

**Purpose**

This By-Law is to provide regular housekeeping items to the City of Cornwall's Yard Maintenance By-Law. The amendments are to remove some subjective terminology in some of the definitions and subsections that will eliminate some enforcement related issues. Indexing of associated fees related to the Yard Maintenance By-Law are being proposed to eliminate the need to annually amend the By-Law to update such fees.

**Background / Discussion**

The current Yard Maintenance By-Law was originally adopted in 2013 and was subsequently updated in 2017. For example, the definition of *Waste* is being amended to remove the words *unusable* or *unwanted*. This will remove the subjectivity of what is defined as waste, thus making enforcement clearer. Subjective terminology is difficult to prove in the event the matters progress to Provincial Offenses Court.

The existing Yard Maintenance By-Law also provides for administrative fees and re-inspections fees that have built-in annual increases. The last year of increases are effective January 1, 2020 in the current By-Law. Therefore, this



By-Law proposes to introduce annual indexing into the Yard Maintenance By-Law.

The annual indexing will occur automatically on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year commencing in 2021. Indexing of the associated fees would be consistent with other By-Laws and other City Departments, as well as with modern practices for fees within By-Laws to account for cost of living increases and to prevent dramatic increases in user fees in future years.

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