

DECISION/DIRECTION NOTE

Title: New Sanitation Regulations

Date Prepared: October 7, 2020

Report To: Committee of the Whole

Councillor and Role: Councillor Ian Froude, Public Works & Sustainability

Ward: N/A

Decision/Direction Required:

Council's approval to proceed with the adoption of the New Sanitation Regulations is requested.

Discussion – Background and Current Status:

The purpose of this new By-Law is to replace the City's existing Sanitation Regulations to reflect current City practices and to incorporate new rules required for the efficient and effective delivery of Municipal Curbside Collection Services.

Whereas the existing Sanitation Regulations makes no mention of recycling collection, yard waste collection or automated garbage collection carts, this new By-Law addresses all three.

Most other jurisdictions provide automated collection carts to every serviced property. In St. John's a considerable number of serviced properties remain without automated collection due to impracticality in some areas like downtown. The new By-Law addresses properties without automated collection by setting out mixed waste (i.e., garbage) rules for properties with and without automated garbage collection carts. The number of mixed waste bags that properties without carts can place for collection has been lowered from 10 bags to 4 bags in order to achieve equality with cart equipped properties, with a maximum of two (2) privacy bags.

With respect to litter and other environmental considerations, the new By-Law prohibits residents from putting recyclable materials into mixed waste collection and vice versa. It also updates and incorporates the netting and covering of garbage provisions from the St. John's Covering of Garbage Placed for Collection By-Law.

The new By-Law contains many other provisions that grants the City flexibility in the delivery of Municipal Curbside Collection Services, including the ability to cancel or postpone collection in the event of inclement weather, and the ability to exempt a resident from performing any requirement under the By-Law where a note from a health care practitioner supports granting that exemption.

The By-Law addresses the requirement on commercial operators to obtain a permit for use of the Robin Hood Bay Facility, with the possibility of having a permit revoked if a violation occurs.

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To address issues surrounding bulk item collection, the By-Law sets out a requirement on citizens to list all items for collection when making an appointment. Only those items listed are to be placed out for bulk collection. This requirement will help to address instances where items are mistakenly taken.

The By-Law also addresses the placement of a cart, container, or bagged waste with an expansive definition of “Curbside”. This was done to curb placing items for collection on a sidewalk.

Key Considerations/Implications:

- **Budget/Financial Implications:** The new by-law will have to be advertised and gazetted in order to be legally in effect, with costs to be covered from the Communications and City Clerk’s budgets.
- **Partners or Other Stakeholders:** Members of the general public
- **Alignment with Strategic Directions/Adopted Plans:**
 - A Sustainable City
 - An Effective City
- **Legal or Policy Implications:** The new by-law will have to be advertised and gazetted in order to be legally in effect.
- **Privacy Implications:** Not Applicable
- **Engagement and Communications Considerations:** The new by-law will have to be advertised so that members of the general public are aware of the new regulations.
- **Human Resource Implications:** Not Applicable
- **Procurement Implications:** Not Applicable
- **Information Technology Implications:** The new by-law will have to be uploaded to the City’s website.
- **Other Implications:** Not Applicable

Recommendation:

That Council adopt the new Sanitation By-Law. The draft By-Law be sent to COTW and if approved a Notice of Motion will go to a Regular Meeting of Council.

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