

# DECISION/DIRECTION NOTE

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**Title:** Amendments to Sanitation Regulations By-Law

**Date Prepared:** April 23, 2021

**Report To:** Regular Meeting of Council

**Councillor and Role:** Councillor Sandy Hickman, Public Works

**Ward:** N/A

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## Decision/Direction Required:

To amend the Sanitation Regulations By-Law to clarify the use of blankets to cover garbage and to correct a measurement for the bundling of Fibre Products.

## Discussion – Background and Current Status:

Council passed the Sanitation Regulations By-Law on January 11, 2021. The By-Law requires two minor amendments. The first is to allow for blankets to be used, as was previously the case, to cover garbage placed at the Curbside which is not in a Regular Garbage Container or a Cart. Coverage with a blanket or other method must provide adequate coverage of the Regular Garbage.

The second amendment is to correct the dimensions for bundled Fibre Products which may be placed at the Curbside.

The proposed amendments are as follows:

1. Section 2(t)

Current Regulation:

t. "Regulation Net" means a solid colour nylon or polyester net which is secure against wind, easily removable by municipal curbside collection personnel, has a maximum mesh size of 25 millimetres by 25 millimetres, and which is designed and maintained so as to provide adequate coverage of Regular Garbage placed on the Curbside.

Proposed Amendment:

t. "Regulation Net" means a solid colour nylon or polyester net which is secure against wind, easily removable by municipal curbside collection personnel, has a maximum mesh size of 25 millimetres by 25 millimetres, and which is designed and maintained so as to provide adequate coverage of Regular Garbage placed on the Curbside. For the purposes of this By-Law,

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Regulation Net shall include any other covering, such as a blanket, which is clean and maintained so as to provide adequate coverage of Regular Garbage placed on the Curbside.

## 2. Section 14

### Current Regulation:

14. Notwithstanding section 13, Fibre Products may be securely tied into a bundle, provided that each bundle shall not exceed:
- a. 22 kilograms (50 pounds) in weight; and
  - b. 60 centimetres by 60 centimetres by 90 centimetres in dimension.

### Proposed Amendment:

14. Notwithstanding section 13, Fibre Products may be securely tied into a bundle, provided that each bundle shall not exceed:
- a. 22 kilograms (50 pounds) in weight; and
  - b. 60 centimetres by 60 centimetres by 30 centimetres in dimension.

### **Key Considerations/Implications:**

#### 1. Budget/Financial Implications:

- None, as the proposed amendments only provide clarity to the public, in particular, as it related to appropriate covering of Regular Garbage.

#### 2. Partners or Other Stakeholders:

- The general public; Department of Public Works

#### 3. Alignment with Strategic Directions/Adopted Plans:

- Effective City – Work with our employees to improve communication and providing guidance to the public.
- Sustainable City – Ensuring Regular Garbage is appropriately covered if not in a Container or Cart and providing clarity for sizes of Fibre Products placed directly at Curbside.

#### 4. Legal or Policy Implications:

- Clarity and guidance, in particular that blankets and other coverings are acceptable, would reduce confusion and possible challenge.

5. Privacy Implications: Not Applicable

6. Engagement and Communications Considerations:

- Amendments to the By-Law will have to be advertised and published in the Gazette in order to be legally in effect

7. Human Resource Implications: Not Applicable

8. Procurement Implications: Not Applicable

9. Information Technology Implications: Not Applicable

10. Other Implications: Not Applicable

**Recommendation:**

That Council amend Sections 2(t) and 14(b) of the Sanitation Regulations By-Law as proposed.

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**Report Approval Details**

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