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To: Mayor and Members of City Council

Subject: Amendments to By-Law 2-2006 - A By-law to Establish and Maintain a System for the Collection and Disposal of Waste in the City of Windsor

1. RECOMMENDATION: City Wide: Ward(s): _____

That Administration **BE DIRECTED** to amend By-Law 3-2006 by mandating the storage of domestic waste (garbage) in a yard in hard sided containers.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: N/A

2. BACKGROUND:

On March 4, 2013, Council passed resolution B11/2103:

"That the report of the City Engineer dated February 6, 2013 regarding "Skunk Control Program" **BE RECEIVED**, and further that \$250,000 **BE ALLOCATED** for the purpose of hiring a trapper (Option 2) for rodent control and that a report **BE PREPARED** for Council's consideration at the end of the one-year mark; and further that By-law 2-2006 **BE AMENDED** to require residents to store garbage in hard-sided containers, but that this not be implemented or enforced for a one-year period in order to allow adequate further notice for this requirement."

This report deals specifically with the later portion of the above council resolution wherein hard sided containers will be mandatory for storage and collection of garbage.

3. DISCUSSION:

—Currently By-Law 2-2006, "A By-law to Establish and Maintain a System for the Collection and Disposal of Waste in the City of Windsor", allows for garbage to be placed out for collection in garbage bags. The Council approved amendment will remove this option and require all garbage to be placed out for collection in hard sided containers or approved carts.

A hard sided container is a container constructed of metal or plastic with external handles and a watertight lid, with a capacity of no more than 125 litres (33 gallons). An approved cart is a wheeled container with a lifting mechanism compatible with collection vehicles and a capacity of 340 litres (90 gallons). These containers range in cost from \$30 to over \$100 depending on the size and style.

By-Law 3-2006, "*A By-law to Establish Standards Respecting Yard Waste & Exterior Property Maintenance and to Prohibit Littering in the City of Windsor*", regulates the maintenance of yards and already provides the penalties and the enforcement mechanism for this matter.

In order to enforce the storage of domestic waste in hard sided containers under the provisions of By-law 3-2006, a minor amendment to By-Law 3-2006 is required to clarify that domestic waste includes "garbage" as defined under By-law 2-2006, and to add the definition of "garbage containers" (same as in By-law 2-2006) to this by-law.

The combined amendments are expected to have the effect of reducing the nuisance of the wildlife population in the City by reducing the amount of food available to them through garbage storage. These amendments, if approved, will take effect March 1st, 2014.

The general public will be notified via media, website and individual notice to households that are not in compliance. It is anticipated that residents who do not place garbage out in hard sided containers after March 1st, 2014 will be initially receive a visit and information from Environmental Services on the new requirements.

The by-laws amending both By-law 2-2006 and By-law 3-2006 are on the council agenda tonight.

4. RISK ANALYSIS:

Mandating hard sided containers will reduce the wildlife nuisance by reducing the amount of food available to them through garbage storage. It is hoped that eventually the amendments to the By-Law coupled with the education portion of the existing program will have a strong effect on the wildlife population such that animal control programs will not be necessary in the future.

Amendments are required to both By-Law 2-2006 and 3-2006. Without the amendments to By-Law 3-2006 the storage of garbage on private property in hard sided containers will not be easily enforceable.

5. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

The funds required to give notification of the By-Law change is already established in the funds provided by Council Resolution B11/2013.

There will be a cost to the public to purchase hard-sided containers should they not have any currently.

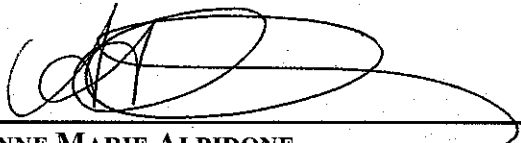
It is expected that the financial implications resulting from the cost of enforcement of hard sided containers for the storing of garbage on private property will be minimal and can be accomplished with existing resources.

6. CONSULTATIONS:

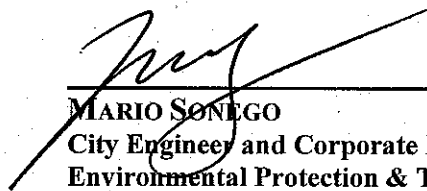
- Wira Vendrasco, Deputy City Solicitor
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7. CONCLUSION:

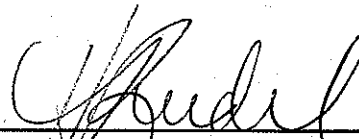
The amendment to By-Law 2-2006 was approved by Council through Council Resolution B11/2013. It is requested that Council approve the amendments to By-Law 3-2006 to facilitate the enforcement of hard sided containers for storage of domestic waste in a yard.



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