



## **MEMO TO COUNCIL 2025-027**

**TO:** Mayor Gerrits and Members of Council

**FROM:** Nicole Martin, CAO/Clerk

**DATE:** July 16, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Tidy Yards By-Law Update

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### **Recommendation**

That Council accept Memo to Council 2025-027 as information.

### **Background**

Further to the public comments received at the June 18, 2025 meeting the by-law has been updated to reflect the following:

- There is no indication that hording is a medical condition that has been legally challenged
- The by-law applies to what is “outside” a property and not the interior conditions of a building
- The by-law is intended to be a starting point and discretion would be used for other resources
- Tall grass height has been adjusted
- Standing water is not be too limited to an amount to avoid unnecessary enforcement (for example a bird bath)

### **Summary**

This by-law review reflects the intent of the committee and current trends in the sector.

**Strategic Plan Pillar:** Expand our capacity to serve  
**Goal #2** Identify and prioritize areas for service improvement

Respectfully submitted by,  
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