

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – JANUARY 5, 2004

LITTERING AND DUMPING BY-LAW

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services and the Senior Manager, By-law Enforcement, recommend:

That Council approve the new Littering and Dumping By-law.

Purpose

This report is to provide background information on a proposed by-law to prohibit the littering and dumping of waste in the City of Vaughan.

Background - Analysis and Options

There are currently six different by-laws that deal with the dumping of garbage, refuse and other matter within the City of Vaughan.

On June 23, 2003, Council approved an anti-litter campaign. (Item 4, Report 50). This item also referenced a review of anti-littering and anti-dumping by-laws within the City. This report addresses this revision.

Having one By-law, instead of six, provides for common fines, a more efficient process for staff to reference violations and reduces any confusion as to which of the old By-laws may apply to a given circumstance.

While enforcement of this Littering By-law will still be difficult, due to the requirement for a witness to prove the littering or dumping took place, the new provision for holding the owners of vehicles liable for any littering or dumping that involves their vehicles, and the potential for heavier fines, starting at \$250.00 on the spot and escalating up to \$5,000.00 for a case sent straight to court may provide an increased deterrence to those that may offend.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This is in keeping with the Vaughan Vision 2007 through service excellence.

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Conclusion

It is appropriate to pass this By-law at this time.

Attachments

None.

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