

COUNCIL REPORT

M&C No.	2019-119
Report Date	May 13, 2019
Meeting Date	May 21, 2019
Service Area	Growth and Community Development Services

His Worship Mayor Don Darling and Members of Common Council

SUBJECT: Cleanup of Unsightly Properties at 1325 Bayside Drive and 42 Parkhill Drive

OPEN OR CLOSED SESSION

This matter is to be discussed in open session of Common Council.

AUTHORIZATION

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RECOMMENDATION

Your City Manager recommends that Common Council direct one or more of the Officers appointed and designated by Council for the enforcement of the *Saint John Unsightly Premises and Dangerous Buildings and Structures By-law*, to arrange for the cleanup of the following unsightly properties:

1. 42 Parkhill Drive, PID# 00303198; and
2. 1325 Bayside Drive, PID# 00034041.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The unsightly conditions outlined in the attached Notices have not been remedied within the required time frame. Pursuant to the *Saint John Unsightly Premises and Dangerous Buildings and Structures By-law*, Staff is looking for authorization from Council to arrange for the cleanup of the aforementioned properties.

PREVIOUS RESOLUTION

N/A

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

This report aligns with Council's Vibrant, Safe City priority.

REPORT

As part of the Community Standards program, Growth and Community Development Services has focused on issues that directly impact the aesthetics, enjoyment and pride of a neighbourhood, including unsightly premises. This involves working closely with property owners to achieve voluntary compliance wherever possible. When voluntary compliance cannot be achieved, it is necessary to issue a formal Notice to Comply.

Property Requiring Further Enforcement Action

Notices to Comply were issued for the properties at 42 Parkhill Drive and 1325 Bayside Drive after efforts to gain voluntary compliance did not come to fruition. The Notices provided the owners with 45 days to remedy unsightly conditions found at the subject properties. The property at 1325 Bayside Drive is a large industrial property, which contains a significant amount of broken and deteriorated wooden pallets as well as other junk, rubbish and refuse that has not moved in several years. The property at 42 Parkhill Drive is a single family home that has an accumulation of junk, rubbish and refuse. The unsightly conditions outlined in the attached Notices have not been remedied within the required time frame. Pursuant to the *Saint John Unsightly Premises and Dangerous Buildings and Structures By-law*, Staff is looking for authorization from Council to arrange for the cleanup of the aforementioned properties.

SERVICE AND FINANCIAL OUTCOMES

As is written in the *Local Governance Act* that a municipality must commence in the proceedings of remedial action, approval of Common Council is required prior to starting cleanup and demolition activities at the subject property.

Where possible, staff will use internal resources for the cleanup of unsightly properties and the cost will be billed to the property owners. If the use of internal resources is not possible, staff will seek competitive bidding in accordance with the City's purchasing policy and the cost of the work will be billed to the property owners. If the bill is left unpaid, it will be submitted to the Province with a request for reimbursement.

INPUT FROM OTHER SERVICE AREAS AND STAKEHOLDERS

The City Solicitor's Office provided ownership verification by obtaining the Certificate of Registered Ownership for the property. Additionally, the City Solicitor's Office registered the Notice to Comply with Service New Brunswick's Land Registry.

ATTACHMENTS

Affidavits of Service - Notices to Comply and Inspection Reports
Aerial Photo of Property
Photos