

March 25, 2019

Memo To: Mayor and Members of Council

Copy To: Neil Garbe, Chief Administrative Officer
Ilmar Simanoviskis, Commissioner of Community Services
Grant Taylor, Director of Public Works Operations

From: Tracey Steele, Director of By-law and Licensing Enforcement

Subject: SRCS.19.18 regarding the proposed new Grass and Weeds By-law 31-19

On March 18, 2019 Committee of the Whole (COW) deferred consideration of staff report SRCS.19.08 regarding the Grass and Weeds By-law 31-19 to the Council meeting of March 25, 2019. The purpose of this deferral was to provide an opportunity for discussions to clarify details around the boulevard maintenance component of the proposed new by-law.

The boulevard requirements of By-law 31-19 are intended to ensure that property owners are mowing the grass on boulevards adjacent to their property in situations and locations where it is safe and viable for them to do so. Consistent with this intention, and as a result of discussions with Members of Council, staff have adjusted the proposed by-law (see the revised version of Attachment 1 to SRCS.19.08, which is attached to this memo) by adding a new Section 3.2 specifying that the Town will maintain boulevards in the following situations:

- adjacent to rear lot lines of residential property,
- adjacent to the side lot line of residential property, where the side lot line abuts a 4 lane collector street.

These two situations are illustrated in Figures 1 and 2 on the following pages. These figures will be included in website communication information associated with implementation of this by-law.

The proposed by-law does not require property owners to mow ditches in boulevards adjacent to their property. In this regard, Public Works Operations staff will continue current practices where maintenance has been provided in the past.

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During last week's COW meeting a specific request was made for further information regarding the addresses of survey participants. The survey did not require that participants input their address. Future surveys we will request that participants identify the general area where they live.

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Tracey Steele, Director of By-law and Licensing Enforcement

Figure 1: Municipally-maintained boulevards adjacent to rear lot lines of residential property

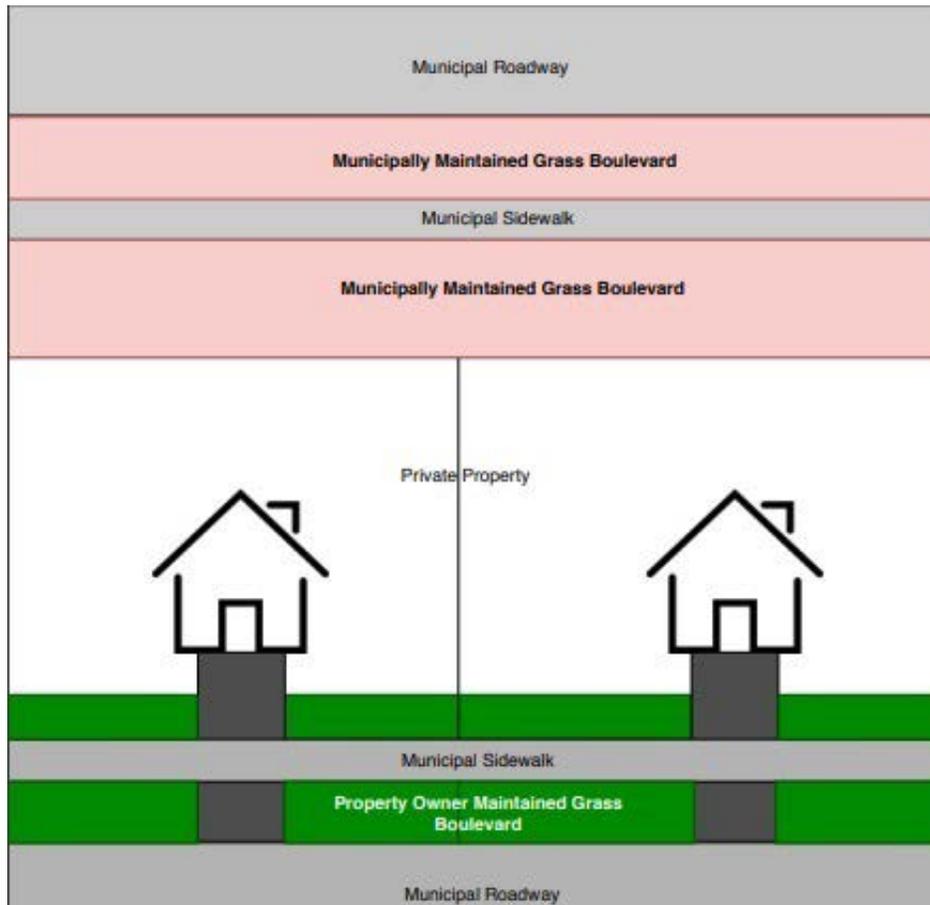


Figure 1: Municipally-maintained boulevards adjacent to side lot lines of 4 lane collector roads

