

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM47.26	ACTION			Ward: All
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Getting Rid of Side Yard Eye Sores - by Councillor Shelley Carroll, seconded by Councillor John Filion

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Shelley Carroll, seconded by Councillor John Filion, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services and the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to report through the 2023 Budget process on the implications for reassuming maintenance services on side yards in the public right of way and include options for adopting new service levels.

Summary

Several years ago, the City amended service levels to no longer be responsible for grass cutting on the side-yard-adjacent boulevards in the City-owned right of way. Unfortunately, this change has not been adequately communicated nor followed, leading to countless patches of overgrown grass, illegal dumping and cost-inefficient service requests. The result is eyesores around our neighbourhoods that frustrate many and leave City staff and Councillors in contentious exchanges with residents. It is unlikely that the hoped for savings has resulted.

Given that City maintenance is regularly performed in adjacent rights of way, it would be far more efficient and prudent to reassume responsibility for this minor maintenance.

Background Information (City Council)

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