



REQUEST FOR DECISION

Meeting: November 24, 2025

BYLAW No. 1820 – UNSIGHTLY PREMISES & PROPERTY STANDARDS

In anticipation of the Sol Gen application for Authorization to Employ Peace Officers the Town of Claresholm has been reviewing bylaws for any potential updates. This can assist with enforcement, fines and a process for warnings and appeals. This bylaw is the main bylaw regarding grass and weeds, unsightly premises, etc.

Bylaw 1788 was updated from Bylaw 1711 and Bylaw 1725, but we would like to consolidate Bylaw 1725 (regarding winter parking of RV's in front yards) into the new bylaw for clarity, etc., as well as a few other updates (see draft bylaw). We field many grass and weeds complaints, construction bins, as well as boulevard trees. The proposed changes can add clarity for residents as to the responsibilities as well as provide another means of enforcement through warnings, notices and fines.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS:

Proposed Changes (additions in blue, removals struck out in black):

1. Consolidation of the RV parking regulations & pruning maintenance from Bylaw 1725. If this provision is still desired. If not, reverting to the previous section would apply.
2. Section 4- Boulevards & Alleys – Clarifying all grass not just boulevards and alleys. Adding a bit of clarity for tree maintenance.
3. Section 6- Construction site – loose materials and bins requiring secure lids, no bins etc. on public streets or boulevards but on private property. This is always a condition of permit approval under the land use bylaw but with the addition into this section further enforcement and fines can be issued (rather than just a stop order under the LUB).

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:

Moved by Councillor _____ to give Bylaw No. 1820, the Town of Claresholm Unsightly Premises & Property Standards Bylaw first reading.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1.) Draft Bylaw No. 1820

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION:

- 1.) Bylaw No. 1788

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