



Staff Report

Report Title: Algae Clean up Policy Revised

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Department: Community Services

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Attachments: Algae clean up policy with proposed changes

Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby approves Report Number CS-2022-03-25 prepared by Mike Fair, Director of Community Services AND authorizes amending the Algae Clean Up Policy AND FURTHER authorizes the appropriate by-law be brought forward.

Background:

The Algae clean up policy was first adopted by Council in 2008 and revised in 2014. The Algae accumulations from 2008 until 2014 were originally frequent, and often large volumes, and then both frequency and volume diminished as lake levels became higher. The Algae policy was written during the high frequency, large volume time periods and did not have the flexibility built into the policy to reduce the scheduled clean-ups.

Discussion:

Staff have reviewed the policy and determined that since the frequency and volume of Algae accumulations has diminished with higher lake levels then the policy should reflect those changes. The policy has been revised with increased flexibility regarding the frequency of contractor visits to the lakeshore from year to year.

Staff also propose that the contractor record the volumes collected each day and send the information to Community Services staff for record keeping purposes. Staff attendance with the contractor will be reduced to the discretion of the Director or Supervisor of the Community Services department.

Attached is the current policy with the changes highlighted in yellow for consideration.

Financial Impacts:

None at this time.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

We are an environmentally conscious community that are good stewards of our natural environment.

By protecting our natural assets

By using our resources wisely

By being aware and taking responsibility

Respectfully Submitted By:

Mike Fair, Director of Community Services

Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer