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CLEAN YARDS BY-LAW UPDATED AND IMPROVED

Welland City Council passed an updated Clean City Yards By-Law Tuesday evening. The revamped By-Law initiates a more active and aggressive approach to curbing unkempt yards. During the 2014 growing season there were roughly 200 complaints made to the City of Welland's By-Law Division. Ali Khan, Parking and Traffic Supervisor, feels that the updated By-Law, which allows for one warning notice per year, will decrease the amount of administration work for the By-Law Officers. "Issuing one warning per year cuts time on the process and will encourage property owners to take action," said Khan.

The revamped Clean Yards By-Law also removes the eight inch grass and weed height maximum and replaces it with a six inch maximum. Although other municipalities have adopted the six inch tall grass limit, Welland is the first municipality in Niagara to include it into its Clean Yards By-Law. "We're striving for a better cleaner healthier Welland," said Khan. Now that the By-Law allows a six inch grass and weed maximum, steps can be taken to have a property cut before it becomes a monstrosity.

Facts:

Properties with dwellings have 48 hours to cut after a warning notice

Properties without dwellings have five days to cut after a warning notice

One warning notice is issued per year per property. After that the grass is cut by contractors and invoiced to the property owner.

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