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Use and Care By-Law Amendment

The Municipality of Chatham-Kent is proposing to amend By-Law Number 145-2020 (Regulate Use and Care of Municipal Highways) to clearly define the property owner's responsibility for maintenance and care of the property in terms of boulevards and the driveway apron. Proposed changes were recommended prior to the release of a new 5-year contract for the Corporate Grass Cutting Contract for municipal-owned properties. At the March 7, 2022, council meeting, the administration identified the following items as opportunities for cost efficiencies with the future of the Municipal Grass Cutting Contract:

- Review and propose a new By-law with clarity as to what each property owner is responsible for in terms of grass maintenance on the municipal right of way.
- Engage the taxpayers through public engagement sessions on the proposed new Bylaw.
- Education and correspondence with property owners that could be in violation of the new proposed By-law. The above actions are required to find efficiencies and savings to base budget costs associated with the grass cutting.

A draft by-law amendment to 145-2020 is now available on our Let's Talk Chatham-Kent page for review and feedback. The page will be open for public feedback beginning August 5, 2022, and will remain open until August 26, 2022.

Please visit <u>www.letstalkchatham-kent.ca/boulevard-use-and-care-by-law-amendment</u> to review the proposed changes to By-law Number 145-2020 Public Highways – Regulate and Use and Care of Municipal Highways.

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