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Staff Report

Infrastructure & Public Works

Report To: Committee of the Whole
Meeting Date: December 4, 2017
Report Number: CSPW.17.122
Subject: Hester Street Parking Lot – Follow-up Related to Disposal Bin Location
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A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report CSPW.17.122 entitled “Hester Street Parking Lot – Follow-up Related to Disposal Bin Location” for their information;

B. Overview

The additional bins that were not part of the original Hester Street parking lot agreement have been relocated by the owner to their own property. These relocated bins and the bins located off Hester Street owned by the Mill Café will continue to be the responsibility of the owners including the aesthetics and odour.

If future complaints arise regarding odour or litter, Town Staff will address these through available by-laws.

C. Background

At the June 19, 2017 meeting, Council received correspondence from Mr. Paul Woolner and referred the inquiry to Infrastructure and Public Works to report upon. Mr. Woolner suggested the construction of a pad and a fence enclosure, and the relocation of the Disposal Bins to the west side of Hester Street into the parking lot.

In response to correspondence received by Council, Staff investigated the state of the disposal bins on the east side of Hester Street adjacent to Mill Pond Restaurant and contacted the property owners. Staff recommended (CPW.17.084) Council consider a budget enhancement to the 2018 Draft Capital Budget an amount of \$7,000 for the installation of a pad and fence enclosure. Council did not approve this recommendation.

An additional concern was noted regarding bins in this location not owned by Mill Café and not permitted to be located on the Town road allowance. The owner of these additional bins has since moved these bins onto their own property.

This report is a follow-up as Council requested. Since the bins do not belong to the Town and are not posing a road hazard, there isn't a need to address the concerns from an operational point of view. However the aesthetic and odour concerns may arise again. If these concerns cannot be resolved with By-law, Council may need to re-examine the requirements for this location.

D. Analysis

Town Staff will be taking no action regarding the aesthetics of the bins off Hester Street, unless complaints arise regarding litter or odour.

E. The Blue Mountains Strategic Plan

Goal #2: Engage Our Communities & Partners

Goal #4: Promote a Culture of Organizational & Operational Excellence

Goal #5: Ensure Our Infrastructure is Sustainable

F. Environmental Impacts

Waste bins are essential to many business operations and are an acceptable method of temporarily storing and collecting waste and resources such as grease and recyclables.

G. Financial Impact

None

H. In consultation with

None

I. Attached

None

Respectfully submitted,

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