A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report FAF.20.025, entitled “Appointment of a Municipal Weed Inspector”;

AND THAT Council enact an amendment to By-law 2011-18, being a By-law to appoint a Municipal Weed Inspector, to appoint Chris Raynsford a Municipal Weed Inspector for the purposes of enforcing the Weed Control Act within Council’s jurisdiction.

B. Overview

This report requests that Council enact an amendment to By-law 2011-18, being a By-law to appoint a Municipal Weed Inspector, to appoint Chris Raynsford a Municipal Weed Inspector for the purposes of enforcing the Weed Control Act within Council’s jurisdiction.

C. Background

By-law No. 2011-18 was enacted on March 28, 2011 to appoint Wayne DeWitt as Municipal Weed Inspector. Having an additional Municipal Law Enforcement Officer appointed as a Municipal Weed Inspector will be advantageous; to appoint an additional Municipal Weed Inspector, an amendment to By-law 2011-18 must be enacted.

D. Analysis

With the advent of a Municipal wide Property Standards By-Law, as mandated by the Province, there is the opportunity to enforce our Long Grass and Weeds By-Law on lands containing noxious weeds, such as wild chervil and giant hog weed. Without the Town wide Property Standards By-Law, enforcement of this was only possible through the Weed Control Act. While this is good Legislation, and may have to be used in some circumstances, utilizing our Long Grass and Weeds By-Law instead of the Weed Control Act will allow for more timely response and quicker timelines to have noxious weeds destroyed. Due to this new area being added to the Property Standards By-law (the whole of the Municipality), it is expected there will be a larger demand for service of these complaints. To appoint Officer Raynsford as a Municipal
Weed Inspector will allow him the authority to enforce both pieces of Legislation. It is anticipated Officer Raynsford will take the “lead” on these calls, and Wayne DeWitt will retain the ability to provide back up, if required.

Therefore, it is requested that Council approve the enactment of a By-law to authorize MLEO Chris Raynsford to be able to enforce the Weed Control Act, if required, within the Town’s jurisdiction.

E. The Blue Mountains Strategic Plan

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

F. Environmental Impacts

N/A

G. Financial Impact

N/A

H. In Consultation With

Wayne DeWitt, Supervisor of Enforcement Services

I. Public Engagement

The topic of this Staff Report has not been subject to a Public Meeting and/or a Public Information Centre as neither a Public Meeting nor a Public Information Centre are required. Comments regarding this report should be submitted to Wayne DeWitt, bylawinfo@thebluemountains.ca.

J. Attached

1. By-law 2011-18, Being a By-law to Appoint a Municipal Weed Inspector
2. Draft Amending By-law

Respectfully submitted

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF
THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

BY-LAW NO. 2011 - 18

Being a By-law to appoint Municipal Weed Inspector

WHEREAS Section 8(1) of the Weed Control Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter W.5 states that the Council of any municipality may by by-law appoint one or more persons as municipal weed inspectors to enforce the Act within the Council's jurisdiction and fix their remuneration or other compensation;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient by Council to pass a by-law to appoint municipal weed inspectors;

AND WHEREAS Council did enact By-Law No. 2004-15 appointing Municipal Weed Inspectors;

NOW THEREFORE Council of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains hereby enacts as follows:

1. THAT By-Law No. 2004-15 being a By-Law to appoint David Finbow and Wayne DeWitt as Municipal Weed Inspectors is hereby rescinded and repealed this day.

2. THAT Wayne DeWitt, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer for the Town, is appointed Municipal Weed Inspector to enforce the Weed Control Act with the Council's jurisdiction.

3. THAT this By-Law shall remain in full force and effect until repealed.

AND FURTHER that this By-law shall come into force and take effect upon the enactment thereof.

Enacted and passed this twenty-eighth day of March, 2011

Ellen Anderson, Mayor

Corrina Giles, Town Clerk
The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains

By-Law Number 2020 –

Being a By-law to amend By-law 2011-18, Being a By-law to appoint a Municipal Weed Inspector

Whereas Section 8(1) of the Weed Control Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter W.5 states that the Council of any municipality may, by by-law, appoint one or more persons as municipal weed inspectors to enforce the Act within the Council’s jurisdiction and fix their remuneration or other compensation;

And Whereas it is deemed expedient by Council to pass a by-law to appoint municipal weed inspectors;

And Whereas Council did enact By-Law No. 2011-18 appointing a Municipal Weed Inspector;

Now Therefore Council of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains hereby enacts as follows:

1. That Section 3 be replaced with the following:

    That Chris Raynsford, Municipal Law Enforcement Officer for the Town, is appointed Municipal Weed Inspector to enforce the Weed Control Act within the Council’s jurisdiction.

2. That the subsequent section be renumbered accordingly.

And Further that this By-law shall come into force and take effect upon the enactment thereof.

Enacted and passed this 23rd day of March, 2020

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Alar Soever, Mayor

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Corrina Giles, Town Clerk