Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Policy Details	
Name	Unsightly Premises Clean-up Assistance Program
Number	074
Legislative Authority	MGA 47, 48(3)
Effective Date	March 25, 2025

Purpose

1. (1) The following will be the Policy of the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg as it relates to clean up assistance of unsightly premises, such as, regular and special collections of waste found upon premises determined to be unsightly.

(2) For this policy, defined terms will have the same meaning as those defined within Bylaw 039, Solid Waste Collection and Disposal.

Eligibility for Assistance

2. An owner of a premise determined to be unsightly under Policy 007, Dangerous and Unsightly Property by the Administrator, may apply to the Municipality for collection of **Special Waste** (not eligible for curbside pickup) located upon those premises under this policy.

3. (1) The owner, in an application, must document to the satisfaction of the Administrator that there is a financial need on the part of the owner(s) to qualify for Municipal assistance.

(2) The income thresholds for financial assistance will be the thresholds set by Council in Policy 049 Property Tax Rebate Policy;

(3) For clarity, financial assistance under this policy is not limited to the owner's principal residence.

4. Where the remedy of the unsightly condition can't be achieved through curbside collection, a property owner may apply for financial assistance for conditions specified in section 8.

Conditions for Approval

5. (1) As a condition of approval for collection of Special Waste, the owner may be required to:
   a) Agree to supply whatever labour and machinery may be required to gather up the Special Waste.

b) Agree to meet with the Community Recycling Centre's Outreach & Communications department to discuss waste separation, construction and demolition disposal and the collectable waste programs.

c) Agree to have Special Waste gathered up within specified time period determined by the Administrator.

d) Agree not to allow Special Waste to accumulate again on the premises.

Review of Applications

6. All applications for assistance under this Policy will be presented to the Dangerous & Unsightly Property Committee (the Committee) by either the Administrator or the local Councillor for consideration.

7. Upon review by the Committee, the degree, manner and the financial aid of assistance will be determined and recommended to Council.

8. The value of the assistance provided will not exceed Fifteen Hundred Dollars ($1500.00) and may be in the form of one or more of the following:
   a) Providing and removal of containers from the premises;
   b) Providing a truck or other machinery;
   c) Providing a purchase order, for all or a portion of the tipping fees, to a waste management facility;
   d) Other means necessary to remedy the unsightly premises.

Owner Responsibilities

9. The owner will be responsible for having the waste gathered up from the premises and deposited into the container or truck. Sufficient waste must be removed from the premises so that it is no longer deemed to be unsightly.

10. Unless there are extraordinary circumstances, once an owner has received assistance under this Policy, that owner will not be eligible to receive further assistance. If the premises become unsightly again, then the owner would be subject to the normal procedures under Policy 007, Dangerous and Unsightly Property.

Policy Adoption	
Date of Original Passage	October 10, 2017
Date of Notice of Intent to Amend	March 11, 2025
Date of Council Approval	March 25, 2025
Date of Effective Date (if different from approval date)	
I certify that this Policy 074 Unsightly Premise Clean-up Assistance Program was amended by Municipal Council as indicated above.	
Signature of Municipal Clerk	**Date** **March 25, 2025**

Version	Amendment Description	Approval Date
Original V1	Unsightly Premise Clean-up Assistance Program	Oct 10, 2017
V2	Updates to assistance dollar amount and expanded the category for cleanup; re-formatted for accessibility and clarity of language.	Mar 25, 2025