

Item No. 15.1

Request for Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee Consideration		
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Date of Meeting: 06/12/2018		
Subject: Penalties for Illegal Dumping		
Motion for Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee to Consider: That the Environment and Sustainability Standing Committee request a staff report to amend By-law S-600 respecting Solid Waste Resource Collection and Disposal to include a section defining illegal dumping and providing the tools for the enforcement of harsher penalties including a reverse onus clause.		
Reason: Illegal dumping is a persistent issue across the municipality with over 250 complaints made through 311 in the last year. Current enforcement by our by-law officers is based on the provincial Environment Act and By-Law S-600. Neither of these documents define illegal dumping or provide specific guidelines for penalties. Other municipalities have begun to take more active approaches to combatting illegal dumping. Lunenburg has a Reverse Onus Clause that allows by-law officers to enforce penalties if any proof of the persons name or address is found within the illegally disposed materials. CBRM requires that the alleged dumper provide a name of the person responsible otherwise they will be charged. Illegal dumping is also responded to by a dedicated police officer instead of a by-law officer. Both municipalities also have higher minimum fines.		
Outcome Sought: Amendment to By-Law S-600 to reduce illegal dumping		
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