



**Report**  
**Staff Report**  
 The Corporation of the City of Brampton  
 4/2/2025

**Date:** 2025-03-17

**Subject:** **Proposed Amendments to Refuse and Dumping By-law 381-2005, as amended**

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**Report number:** Legislative Services-2025-251

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. That the report from Shane Keyes, Manager, Property Standards, Enforcement and By-law Services to the Committee of Council meeting of April 2, 2025, re: **Proposed Amendments to Refuse and Dumping By-law 381-2005, as amended**, be received.
2. That Council approve the amendments to the Administrative Penalties (Non-Parking) By-law 218-2019, as amended (Schedule A), in accordance with Attachment 1, being amendments to:
  - i. Section 10 to establish graduated fines for repeat violations under By-law 381-2005;
  - ii. Section 8A to delete offences for garbage receptacle under By-law 165-2022;
  - iii. Section 10 to add offences for garbage receptacles under By-law 381-2005;
3. That Council approve the amendments to the Property Standards By-law 165-2022, as amended, in accordance with Attachment 2, to delete garbage receptacle offences;
4. That Council approve the amendments to the Refuse and Dumping By-law 381-2005, as amended, in accordance with Attachment 3, to add garbage receptacle offences.

**OVERVIEW:**

- **Enforcement and By-law Services has introduced several amendments to policies and by-laws to enhance service delivery and operational efficiency, including the implementation of graduated fines for repeat violations to improve compliance and accountability.**
- **In 2024, service requests related to refuse (25 percent) and garbage receptacles (8 percent) accounted for approximately 33 percent of all service requests received. Notably, 43 percent of penalty notices issued for these requests were for repeat violations.**
- **During the summer months, post-secondary students are appointed as Summer Inspectors under the Refuse and Dumping By-law. However,**

**Summer Inspectors are unable to address garbage receptacle violations, as these standards are established under the Property Standards By-law. This results in inefficiencies, requiring two officers to attend a single property when multiple violations occur.**

- **To improve enforcement efficiency and resource allocation while maintaining community cleanliness, staff recommend the following amendments:**
  - **Transferring garbage receptacle offences from the Property Standards By-law to the Refuse and Dumping By-law, allowing Summer Inspectors to address these violations during refuse inspections.**
  - **Establishing graduated penalties for repeat offences under the Refuse and Dumping By-law, aligning with the approach taken in other municipal by-laws, including Property Standards and Ground Cover Maintenance.**
- **Maximum potential incremental revenues generated through the implementation of the amended by-laws for Graduating Fines Under the Refuse and Dumping By-law and Transferring Garbage Receptacles to the Refuse and Dumping By-law are approximately \$147,000 based on the number of penalty notices issued in 2024.**

## **BACKGROUND:**

Enforcement and By-law Services has made several amendments to policies and by-laws that aim to improve service delivery and efficiency, including holding offenders more accountable by establishing graduated fines for repeat violations.

Every year, Enforcement and By-law Services hires post-secondary students to fulfill the role of a Summer Inspector and appoints them under the Refuse and Dumping By-law 381-2005 (and Grass and Weed Cutting By-law 116-2011). Ten Summer Inspectors addressed 5,440 grass and refuse related service requests in 2024.

## **CURRENT SITUATION:**

### ***Recommendation 1 – Graduating Fines Under the Refuse and Dumping By-law***

In 2024, 5,568 service requests were submitted for investigations under the Refuse and Dumping By-law. The offences under the by-law include causing or permitting refuse, graffiti or stagnant water on a property. Refuse most often includes household garbage or derelict furniture and debris. Of these service requests:

- 1,986 were for properties with 2-5 occurrences
- 307 were for properties with 6-10 occurrences
- 116 were for properties with 11-15 occurrences
- 51 were for properties with over 15 occurrences

As the Refuse and Dumping By-law 381-2005 currently imposes only a \$250 fine for any offence, staff are recommending establishing graduated fines for repeat offences to promote greater compliance and change behaviour in the community.

This will enable Summer Inspectors to apply graduated fines for repeat offences, in accordance with the procedure outlined in staff report [Legislative Services-2025-145](#), “SOP Overview for Parking and Property Standards Violations”. The proposed escalation of fines aligns with the recent [amendments](#) to the Property Standards By-law:

First Offence	Second Offence	Subsequent Offence
\$250	\$500	\$750

In 2024, 777 penalty notices were issued under By-law 381-2005 at \$250. If these graduated fines were in place during 2024, there would have been a revenue difference of \$76,000.

At the time of writing this report, it is anticipated that Council will repeal the Grass and Weed Cutting By-law 116-2011 and enact a new Ground Cover Maintenance and Prohibited Plants By-law that will establish graduated fines for repeat offences for grass related offences.

### ***Recommendation 2 – Transferring Garbage Receptacles to the Refuse and Dumping By-law***

The Region of Peel distributes recycling, compost and garbage carts to all homes in Brampton. These are the only garbage receptacles accepted to be stored outdoors by the City. The [Property Standards By-law](#) establishes standards for the storage of garbage receptacles. On average, service requests submitted for garbage receptacle contraventions make up approximately 8 percent of all property standards service requests annually. The standards require that garbage receptacles:

- Be stored in a clean, sanitary and operable condition;
- Be stored with the cover lid closed and secured;
- Not be packed in a manner where the waste exceeds the height of the receptacle or prevents the cover lid from closing securely; and
- Not be located in a yard facing a street (some exemptions apply).

Often, these violations are associated with other contraventions under the Refuse and Dumping By-law. To enable Summer Inspectors to address garbage receptacle related service requests during refuse inspections, without having additional officers attend, staff are recommending transferring these standards to the Refuse and Dumping By-law.

To align with the penalties for refuse-related offences, it is also recommended to increase the fine for garbage containers stored in a front yard from \$100-200-300 to \$250-500-750. In 2024, 330 penalty notices were issued under By-law 165-2022 for this offence at \$100. If these graduated fines were in place during 2024, there would have been a revenue difference of \$71,000.

## **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS:**

### **Financial Implications:**

Maximum potential incremental revenues generated through the implementation of the amended by-laws for Graduating Fines Under the Refuse and Dumping By-law and Transferring Garbage Receptacles to the Refuse and Dumping By-law are approximately \$147,000 based on the number of penalty notices issued in 2024.

### **STRATEGIC FOCUS AREA:**

This report aligns with the Government & Leadership strategic focus area by enhancing service excellence and efficiency. The proposed amendments streamline enforcement processes, optimize resource allocation, and introduce graduated penalties to promote compliance. Additionally, the report supports the Environmental Resilience & Sustainability focus area by ensuring proper waste management practices, reducing urban litter, and maintaining clean and healthy neighbourhoods.

### **CONCLUSION:**

The proposed amendments aim to enhance enforcement efficiency and service delivery by aligning garbage receptacle regulations under the Refuse and Dumping By-law and establishing graduated fines for repeat violations. This transfer will enable Summer Inspectors to enforce these standards at the same time as refuse inspections, alleviating the workload of Property Standards Officers during peak months and multiple staff attending one property. Additionally, the introduction of graduated fines for repeat violations will promote compliance and accountability. These changes reflect a strategic approach to maintaining community cleanliness while ensuring effective resource allocation within Enforcement and By-law Services.

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**Attachments:**

- **Attachment 1** – Draft By-law to amend the Administrative Penalties (Non-Parking) By-law 218-2019, as amended
- **Attachment 2** – Draft By-law to amend the Property Standards 165-2022, as amended
- **Attachment 3** – Draft By-law to amend the Refuse and Dumping By-law 381-2005, as amended