

**CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS**

**By-law No. 2024 - 069**

A by-law to amend By-law No. 2007-41 being a by-law to regulate maintaining of land in a clean and clear condition.

**WHEREAS** Pursuant to Section 9 of the *Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25*, as amended (*“Municipal Act 2001”*) the Corporation of the City of Niagara Falls has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural purpose for the purpose of exercising its authority;

**AND WHERAS** pursuant to Section 128 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, the Corporation may prohibit and regulate with respect to public nuisances, including matters which in the opinion of its Council are or could become or cause public nuisance;

**AND WHERAS** weeds may result in allergic reactions to health problems for individuals, can disrupt ecological systems and have an impact on health, safety and well-being of inhabitants and the natural environment;

**AND WHERAS** tall Grass and weeds may pose a risk to fire safety, may impair visual sight lines, may create habitats for mosquitos, rodents or other insects and animals that contribute to neighbourhood blight.

**THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. (l) to be added to Section 1 as contained in by-law No. 2007-41, to include a definition of **“Grass and Weeds”** means:
  - all forms of grass, and
  - all noxious weeds and local weeds designated under the *Weed Control Act*, R.S.O., c. W.5.
  
2. Section 8 of by-law No. 2007-41 is amended to read, **“Every Owner, lessee or occupant of land shall ensure that the grass and weeds on that land is less than 20 cm in length”**.

**Read a first, second, third time and passed.  
Signed and sealed in open Council this    day of    , 2024.**

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WILLIAM G. MATSON, CITY CLERK

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JAMES M. DIODATI, MAYOR

