



March 31st, 2021

Mayor Andy Letham
and Members of Council
City of Kawartha Lakes

On behalf of the Lindsay Downtown BIA Board of Directors, we wanted to bring to your attention an ongoing issue facing our downtown, and a request that a new by-law be investigated and developed by City Staff.

We would like to request that City Council and the Municipal Law Enforcement department mandate that property owners/landlords who own and operate buildings within Downtown Lindsay must provide a private garbage bin, or have alternate measures in place for their tenants to dispose of their refuse.

While we understand there is already a by-law in place to stop residential tenants from using public waste containers for their household garbage (#2016-144 / 2.01 / a / vi) it is very difficult to enforce and penalize those who violate the current by-law.

The rationale behind this request is as follows:

The Lindsay Downtown BIA is responsible for the maintenance, beautification and general upkeep within our geographic area. Although there is a City contract in place for garbage removal of the public waste containers in our downtown, the public garbage containers are constantly overflowing with additional residential garbage between regular scheduled pickups in the City contract. This causes excessive garbage in front of our businesses, it causes garbage to be strewn all over the streets when there is a wind event, and further causes unsightly and odorous garbage cans which is not very inviting to residents or tourists who patronize our downtown.

While the BIA does have some resources to deal with general garbage cleanup downtown, we cannot under our current budget structure afford to constantly clean up the excessive garbage in and around the public cans. Further, even when we are able to pick up some of the additional garbage, we don't have a place to dispose of the garbage free of charge, causing additional strain on our current budget.

We're aware of the proposed initiative to provide additional services, such as waste pickups throughout the area downtowns this summer, and are optimistic about the improvement to the waste issue as a result. We also appreciate the property owners who already provide bins to their tenants, and would like to see this be the standard throughout the downtown.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Steve Podolsky
Vice-Chair - LDBIA Board of Directors

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