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**To: Chair Oosterhof and Members of Council**

**From: Royal Metcalfe, Manager of Public Works**

**Subject: Roadside Community Clean-Up Program**

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** Committee of the Whole receive this report for the formation of a roadside community clean-up program,

**AND THAT** Committee of the Whole recommend to Council to approve a Roadside Community Clean-Up Program as outlined in this report,

**AND THAT** Committee of the Whole recommend that Council directed staff to implement the program and communicate the program to residents and community agencies.

### **BACKGROUND**

Litter on Township roadsides and public rights-of-way remains a recurring issue impacting the appearance of our community, public safety, and local ecosystems. Residents and volunteer groups have expressed interest in taking action to remove litter but face barriers, including the lack of an official collection mechanism for waste they collect outside of their own household limit.

### **DISCUSSION/OPTIONS**

The proposed Roadside Community Clean-Up Program will provide a formal mechanism for residents and volunteers to safely collect and dispose of roadside litter. The program will require the exclusive use of clear bags to ensure compliance with waste site requirements.

The Township would issue special program stickers that participants can attach to filled bags, and only bags with stickers will be accepted at the Township waste depot. No curbside collection will be provided, which ensures safe and efficient handling while reducing operational risks and costs.

Stickers will be available at Township offices or designated pickup points, and participation will be required to register with the Township to be tracked to monitor program success.

Volunteers will be responsible for conducting clean-up activities safely, including wearing high-visibility clothing and avoiding high-speed roadways. Unsafe or hazardous items, such as chemical containers or needles, will not be collected as part of the program; volunteers should report these items to Township staff for proper handling. The Township's Volunteer Policy would be followed to ensure that volunteers have clear direction and training to ensure they are undertaking activities with appropriate PPE and equipment.

By providing stickers and a clear disposal point at the waste depot the program encourages residents and community groups to participate safely and effectively in keeping Township roadsides clean.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Costs associated with the program are expected to be minimal, including printing and distributing special program stickers, administrative time to manage sticker distribution and recordkeeping, and a small increase in waste volume brought to the depot.

No new staffing or curbside collection equipment is required, and any increase in depot waste volumes is expected to be minor and manageable within current operations.

### **LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

This initiative supports the priorities of the Strategic Plan by improving roadside safety and appearance, reducing environmental impacts from litter, and encouraging community participation and civic pride.

### **OTHERS CONSULTED**

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### **ATTACHMENTS**