



Re: Dumping of Grass and Organic Yard Waste

“Where as the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry consider unauthorized deposits on Crown land (Crown land also includes the water) a violation under the Public Lands Act. Therefore if dumping occurs they encourage reporting of this activity through the MNRF TIPS Line.

Where as there is problem of grass clippings and other organic yard waste being thrown into the rivers in Chatham-Kent. The waste then flows with the stream often clinging to the break-walls and docks and then remains there. The grass and clippings then begin to deteriorate which becomes unsightly and smelly causing what appears to be contamination and algae. The clippings cause not only an unsightly mess but also becomes slippery which makes it dangerous for swimmers and boaters wishing to use the breakwalls or docks.

Therefore administration be directed to bring a report back to Council by the August 13, 2018 meeting. The report should include the best method of managing and preventing dumping of grass and organic yard waste into the water systems within Chatham-Kent. This report should recommend a possible by-law, either creation or amendment and future education methods that could be used to inform communities.

Signed by: Councillor Carmen McGregor

Notice Given On: June 18, 2018