



Memo

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: May 13th, 2025

SUBJECT: Amendment to Property Maintenance and Unsightly Premises Bylaw

Background

At the July 9th, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting, the Committee recommended that staff be directed to include Himalayan Blackberry as a noxious weed in the Town of Lake Cowichan's Property Maintenance and Unsightly Premises Bylaw.

The bylaw to prohibit unsightliness in the Town of Lake Cowichan has been amended with Bylaw No. 1120-2025 being presented for Council's consideration as follows:

- Definition of Noxious weeds to be amended; and
- Schedule "B" to be amended by the addition of "Himalayan Blackberry" as shown in red.

Staff Recommendations

THAT the Town of Lake Cowichan Property Maintenance and the Prohibition of Unsightly Premises Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 1050-2021 be amended with the consideration of the Amendment Bylaw No. 1120-2025 by its first, second and third reading.

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Mark Brown

**TOWN OF LAKE COWICHAN
BYLAW NO. 1120-2025**

A BYLAW TO AMEND BYLAW NO. 1050-2021

WHEREAS SECTIONS 7, 8, 12, 15, 16 and 17 of the Community Charter provides Council the authority to regulate and prohibit unsightly conditions within the Town of Lake Cowichan;

AND WHEREAS unsightly conditions have been found to exist in places throughout the Town;

AND WHEREAS the existence of such conditions is detrimental to the welfare of the residents of the Town and contributes increasingly to the deterioration of neighbourhoods;

AND WHEREAS the abatement of such conditions will improve the general welfare and image of the Town;

NOW THEREFORE, the Municipal Council of the Town of Lake Cowichan, in open meeting assembled, ENACTS as follows:

1. TITLE

This bylaw may be cited as the *Town of Lake Cowichan Property Maintenance and the Prohibition of Unsightly Premises Amendment Bylaw No. 1120-2025*.

2. AMENDMENTS

- i. Definition of "NOXIOUS WEEDS" will be amended to read "includes those listed in Schedule 'B' to this bylaw;
- ii. Schedule "B" Noxious Weeds will be amended by the addition of "Himalayan Blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus* or formerly *Rubus discolor*)".

3. FORCE AND EFFECT

That upon adoption of this Bylaw, *Town of Lake Cowichan Property Maintenance and the Prohibition of Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 1050-2021*, shall be hereby amended and take effect.

READ A FIRST TIME on the ___ day of _____, 2025.

READ A SECOND TIME on the ___ day of _____, 2025.

READ A THIRD TIME on the ___ day of _____, 2025.

RECONSIDERED, FINALLY PASSED and ADOPTED by the Municipal Council of the Town of Lake Cowichan on the ___ day of _____, 2025.

Tim McGonigle
Mayor

Mark Brown
Corporate Officer



Schedule "B"

(Attached to and forming part of Bylaw No. 1050-2021)

NOXIOUS WEEDS

Canada Thistle (Cirsium arvense (1) Scop.)
Dodder (Cuscuta spp.)
Knapweed spp.-
 Diffuse (Centaurea diffusa Lam.)
 Spotted (Centaurea maculosa L.)
 Russian (Centaurea repens L.)
Sow thistle, annual and perennial (Sonchus spp.)
Leafy spurge (Euphorbia esula L.)
Toadflax spp. –
 Common (Linaria vulgaris Hill)
 Dalmation (Linaria dalmatica L.)
Wild Oats (Avena fatua L.)
Tansy Ragwort (Senecio jacobaea L.)
Broom (Cytisus scoparius)
Himalayan Blackberry (Rubus armeniacus or formerly Rubus discolor)
Any other Plant commonly known as a weed

