

## Sheralee Mitchell-MacEwan

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**From:** Kim Ramsay  
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2024 8:19 AM  
**To:** Sheralee Mitchell-MacEwan  
**Subject:** Fwd: Street Sweeping and grass cutting - Motion - business from councillors  
**Attachments:** Debris in curbs.docx

Please attached for decision

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**From:** Walter Tingley <wtingley@easthants.ca>  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 21, 2024 5:51:41 PM  
**To:** council <council@easthants.ca>; Kim Ramsay <kramsay@easthants.ca>  
**Subject:** Street Sweeping and grass cutting - Motion - business from councillors

### Street Sweeping

Attached are photographs of sand, rocks and other debris as high as the curb in some areas along HWY 2 between Enfield – Lantz.

I observed residents on 2 occasions within the past month shoveling and sweeping the debris off the road in front of their houses.

Should this sand, rocks and other debris be removed for the following reasons?

**Safety:** Risk of rocks and other debris coming off a vehicle and striking a pedestrian, cyclist, or another vehicle. Risk of causing a cyclist or motor cycle accident.

**Environmental:** Risk of pollutants from curb debris being stirred into the air that residents breathe. Risk of pollutants getting into storm drains and making their way to brooks, rivers, lakes. Risk of contributing to blockage of our storm drains.

**Economical:** Neat and clean roads provide a positive image for businesses, showcasing professionalism and that the community has pride in their surroundings. This causes people and businesses to want to be heard.

**Line painting:** NSPW standard states.. *Removal of sand and gravel from paved shoulders, bullnoses and gore areas, etc., should be completed before pavement markings are applied.* This typically does not occur.

**Aesthetics:** Most residents maintain their properties to look aesthetically pleasing and I am sure would appreciate if government met their own and the same standard.

It was brought to my attention that West Hants recently purchased a sweep truck of their own.

I am not suggesting that MEH purchase a sweep truck but is there any appetite for council to instruct council to provide a report on what an acceptable standard for street sweeping should be for MEH what we can do to persuade the province to meet that standard and meet the standard ourselves.



## Grass Cutting

The improvement with mowing grass and maintenance outside the Sportsplex recently has been very noticeable and greatly appreciated. It may have been a coincidence but I noticed that weeds that had been hanging over the side of the curb between Lantz – Elmsdale were removed before Dexter / Municipal Group held their function at the Sportsplex yesterday. It took 2 workers approximately 2 – 3 hours to complete this work and the transformation was very noticeable. It appears that MEH does a very good job of mowing their grass. However, as per the attached photographs at the Lantz Roundabout, the province do not appear to be meeting their own standard and by any measure – its unsightly.

Is there any appetite for council to instruct staff to write to our MLA and minister of Public Works and request that the grass in these urban areas be kept more aesthetically pleasing.

I would ask staff to add this email and attached photographs to council documents for discussion on council business. I will make a the following 2 motion for consideration under business from council.

***Move that staff bring back a report to council explaining rationale for an acceptable street sweeping standard in the corridor area and recommended steps MEH can and should take to achieve the standard.***

***Move that staff write to MEH MLA and the Minister of Public Works to advocate that NSPW maintain their grass areas in the corridor area more frequently, to their own standards or even to MEH standards, which are higher. And that staff enclose photographs depicting the current condition of NSPW grass in the corridor area.***

Thanks



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