

To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Council
From: Matthew Goudy, CAO
Date: April 19, 2019

Reference: 11/154/2019-153

RE: Unsightly Premises at [REDACTED]

Thank you for your written concern regarding the unsightly premises in your neighbourhood. The property at [REDACTED] is a concern for the City as well.

Looking back at the records over the last three years, there have been numerous interactions with the tenant and property owner regarding the state of the property.

Since 2016, at least once a year, an order to clean up the property was served. The first two years, the tenant or owner did clean up to the satisfaction of the Bylaw Enforcement Officer at the time. However, as you are aware, in September of 2018, there was a full clean up of the property performed by the City.

It is unfortunate that some people do not take as much pride in their property as others. I must remind you, that the City is not responsible for the actions and habits of citizens; however, if they violate a bylaw, there is a consequence to doing so. The Bylaw Enforcement Officers will review the state of this property and will keep doing so on a regular rotation.

The City is currently proposing a new Community Standards Bylaw that does include a definition of an "unsightly premise" as well as robust clauses that determine what is classified as a nuisance. If you would like to have some input on the new bylaw, a survey is currently open that allows residents and businesses to provide their opinion. You can find the survey at the following website address: www.lacombe.ca/feedback.

Thank you again for expressing your concerns.

Sincerely,

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Matthew Goudy, P.Eng
Chief Administrative Officer