

SPECIAL ZONING AND FEES FOR SNOW DUMPS

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WHEREAS many contracts charge commercial and multi-residential buildings significant amounts to collect and dispose of piled snow on their properties; and

WHEREAS the City of Sault Ste. Marie does not have any special zoning provisions dealing with where these piles of snow can be brought and dumped within the city limits; and

WHEREAS the Planning Department requires that any property requesting a change in use has a drainage plan to ensure no harmful substances are making their way into the city's ditches and sewers; and

WHEREAS no similar safeguards exist for the substances that flow from snow dumps into the city's ditches and sewers;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Planning Department along with the input from any other department investigate creating a new zoning classification for snow dumps and further, that it considers:

- a fee structure to offset or cover the costs the city incurs from the annual runoff from snow dumps (either as part of the Stormwater Management Fee Study, or independent of it);
- environmental safeguards to ensure the runoff of any harmful substance is minimized to the greatest degree possible.