

SHOPPING CART MANAGEMENT PLAN

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WHEREAS the issue of shopping carts is frequently raised as a nuisance in those areas of Sault Ste. Marie where large retail stores are located; and

WHEREAS it is common for shoppers to leave various retail stores with their shopping carts to facilitate their bringing home of groceries or other goods; and

WHEREAS most often, shopping carts that leave a retail store's property are left abandoned on sidewalks, boulevards or paths throughout the City; and

WHEREAS many retail stores use local services to retrieve and recover shopping carts that are abandoned throughout the City; and

WHEREAS certain retail stores do not use local services to retrieve their shopping carts, allowing them to become a neighbourhood nuisance, and requiring taxpayer funded Public Works employees to attend at various areas throughout the City to retrieve and dispose of the abandoned shopping carts; and

WHEREAS it is a civic responsibility of all businesses and residents in the City of Sault Ste. Marie to maintain the property standards and beauty of our City;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Legal Department and the Public Works Department and Building Division be requested to bring forward to City Council for its consideration a draft by-law that would require retailers that use shopping carts to develop a shopping cart management plan for the retrieval and return of abandoned shopping carts outside of that retailer's property boundaries;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the draft by-law ensures enforcement mechanisms are in place for retailers that do not comply or uphold their shopping cart management plan, once developed, or, alternatively, that penalties are in place for failing to develop a shopping cart management plan.