

Does the Sault Have a Shopping Cart Problem?

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Are there too many shopping carts in the streets?

Coun. Matthew Shoemaker is bringing forth a resolution during Monday evening's meeting in hopes to clear up this nuisance in the city.



Seconded by Coun. Marchy Bruni, Shoemaker's resolution states that "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."

"It is common for shoppers to leave various retail stores with their shopping carts to facilitate their bringing home of groceries or other goods," the resolution says.

"Most often, shopping carts that leave a retail store's property are left abandoned on sidewalks, boulevards or paths throughout the City. Many retail stores use local services to retrieve and recover shopping carts that are abandoned throughout the City, however 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," it continues.

Shoemaker and Bruni are requesting that both the Legal and Public Works Departments can come up with a drafted by-law to help mitigate this issue, "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," the resolution states.

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