

# Village of Hussar

## Unsightly Premises Questionnaire

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### Introduction

This questionnaire has been developed so that the Village can gain input from residents on the creation of a bylaw to deal with weeds, grass, and other unsightly premises.

We are requesting that you read the following information and provide responses and return this questionnaire to the Village Office by **July 12, 2018**. Responses will be compiled in a report to be presented to Council for further discussion and decision. All responses will remain anonymous.

### Background

The Village currently does not have an enforceable bylaw that deals with unsightly premises. While there is a bylaw related to minimum maintenance standards, this bylaw is very outdated and was passed by council in order to allow residents to gain access to grant funding to upgrade their homes. It does not deal with weeds, grass or most other issues related to the exterior of homes and yards.

Over the past year we have had many comments from residents regarding the standard of yard care throughout the Village. Without a bylaw that addresses these issues we are unable to deal with this problem. The Village has committed to a bylaw that deals with the height of grass and weeds at the very least. However, unsightly premise bylaws throughout other municipalities also look at the general care of buildings and yards. Before looking to enforce a bylaw that goes beyond what we have already heard from residents, the Village would like to gain input from its residents as to which items should be included.

When a property owner has an unsightly property under the bylaw they will be provided with a warning to remedy the problem. If they do not do so, they will receive an official notice to remedy and if they continue to refuse to remedy the problem, the Village will have the right to clean up the property and charge the property owner for the clean-up.

It is not the intent of the Village that every property have to comply with the new bylaw to its full extent at all times. Generally, enforcements would be based on complaints or serious concerns from Village staff and council. This means that we can work with property owners when we see or hear about an issue prior to full enforcement of the bylaw. We realize that some owners may have difficulty in caring for their properties, and that there are occasions where owners may be away on holidays or for other reasons.

Please note that any unsafe conditions can be dealt with through the *Municipal Government Act*, and do not need to be covered under this bylaw.

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### Questions

Please answer the following questions by checking either the “yes” or “no” column. A space is available at the end of each section for additional comments.

### Unregistered Vehicles

YES	NO	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Residents should not be able to park any unregistered vehicles on their property (front or back yard).
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Residents should be able to park one unregistered vehicle on their property (front or back yard).
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Residents should be able to park as many unregistered vehicles on their property as they want (front or back yard).
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Only one unregistered vehicle may be parked in the front of a home, but more may be parked in the back yard (regardless of fencing).
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If a back yard has a fence, residents may have as many unregistered vehicles as they wish in the back yard.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vehicles that are covered with a tarp should not be included in the above.

### Additional Comments

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### Buildings

YES	NO	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Homes and other buildings should be kept painted, without broken windows/doors, and should not be missing siding, shingles, eaves, etc.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Openings in buildings, including sheds, garages, and into basements, should be screened to keep animals out.

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### Additional Comments

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### Yards

YES	NO	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Properties should not have an accumulation of any scrap, litter, trash, garbage, or waste of any kind.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Properties should not have broken appliances, furniture, etc.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Properties should not have an accumulation of construction or building materials, unless being currently used on the premises and doesn't blow onto other properties.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If a backyard is fenced properly the above items no longer apply.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yards should drain to avoid standing pools of water, and should not drain onto neighbouring properties.

### Additional Comments

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