Operational BY-LAW No 197

CONCERNING UNSANITARY CONDITIONS OF PROPERTIES, WATERCOURSES, DITCHES, STREAMS, PONDS, LAKES, SEWERS

1. The following will constitute a nuisance:
   a) the pollution of the waters of any municipal creek, river, pond, lake or watercourse within or adjacent to the municipality.
   b) the dumping of refuse or other matter therein.
   c) the obstructing, diverting or allowing the obstruction or diversion of ditches or watercourses.

2. The method for the cleansing and purification of municipal waters, watercourses and canals and the drainage or filling of ponds or pools on private property, whenever necessary for public health, will be: ...

3. The owner is required to maintain the property in good order regarding fencing, grass & weed cutting.

4. The owner or occupant of any building or ground is compelled to:
   a) remove from the premises owned or occupied by him all such offensive substances as the council or health department may direct, and,
   b) upon his default, to authorize the removal or destruction thereof by some officer or employee of the municipality,
   c) the works performed by the Town shall be at the expense of such owner or occupant;

5. In case the owner of such lot cannot be found and no one represents the owner, or should such owner or occupant, or other person in charge thereof, refuse or neglect to fence in, drain, cleanse, fill up or level the same, when so directed by the proper employee of the council, or be unable, by want of means, to fence in, cleanse, drain, fill up or level such lot, the council may have the same done, and may provide that the amount expended thereon shall be a privileged claim against such lot, and shall be recoverable in the same manner as a special tax thereon;

6. The Council may cause to be opened, dug, enlarged, covered and maintained, any ditch necessary for drainage, boundary or division ditch or watercourse situated in the municipality or beyond the boundaries thereof, as the council may deem advisable,

7. The council determines the following time and manner of making such works:
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8. The fronting property-owner shall bear the expense of the above works.

9. The Town of Hudson is hereby authorized to carry on, at its expense, for a definite or indefinite period, all works on ditches or watercourses;

10. All railway companies are required to make and keep open and in repair ditches, drains, sewers and culverts along and under their railway tracks, so that filthy or stagnant water shall not collect upon their property, and so that the natural drainage of adjacent property and streets shall not be impeded within the municipality;

11. The Town of Hudson may order embankment works to protect all or part of the municipality against flooding;
12. The Town of Hudson may order, for the object of improving the quality of water sides and promoting access thereto, development works on the beds, including the banks or shores and the lands bordering thereon, of the lakes and watercourses situated in its territory, and works to control their water-level;

13. Anyone contravening a provision of this by-law, or tolerating or permitting such a contravention, commits an infraction and is liable, besides the costs, to the following fine:

1. **for a first infraction:**
   - a minimum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (100 $) and a maximum of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (1 000 $) if the offender is a physical person or a maximum of TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (2 000 $) if the offender is a moral person;

2. **for a repeat infraction:**
   - a minimum of TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (200 $) and a maximum of TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (2 000 $) if the offender is a physical person or a maximum of FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS (4 000 $) if the offender is a moral person."