

Appointment of the 2020 Weed Inspectors and Dutch Elm Disease Inspectors

ISSUE

The Weed Control Act and *The Forest Resources Management Act* empowers municipalities to enforce the control of prohibited, noxious, and nuisance weeds and tree insect and disease within the boundaries of the municipality. The powers designated by *The Weed Control Act* are appointed by City Council, and validated upon submission to the Ministry of Agriculture, Executive Director Crops and Irrigation Branch. The Parks Division coordinates Dutch elm disease (DED) prevention programs, which include inspection services. As part of this program, the Parks Division requires a designated DED Inspector so that the powers of *The Forest Resources Management Act* and DED regulation can be applied within the municipality.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services recommend to City Council:

1. That Mr. Dave McKee and Mr. Owain Van Vliet of the Parks Division, Community Services Department, be appointed as the City of Saskatoon's 2020 Weed Inspectors, in accordance with the provisions of *The Weed Control Act*;
2. That Ms. Jeannette Wheeler, Mr. Dave McKee, and Mr. Owain Van Vliet of the Parks Division, Community Services Department, be appointed as the City of Saskatoon's 2020 municipal Dutch elm disease Inspectors, in accordance with the provisions of *The Forest Resources Management Act*, and
3. That the City Clerk be requested to notify the Minister of the Environment of these appointments.

BACKGROUND

The annual appointment of municipal Weed Inspectors and Dutch elm disease (DED) Inspectors are requirements under *The Weed Control Act* and *The Forest Resources Management Act*.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

Section 6, Article 2 of *The Weed Control Act* (Saskatchewan) requires that City Council appoint a municipal Weed Inspector, annually. It is recommended that Mr. Dave McKee, Urban Biological Services Supervisor; and Mr. Owain Van Vliet, Urban Biological Services Technician 14, be appointed as the Weed Inspectors for 2020.

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Section 8, Article 2 of *The Forest Resource Management Act* requires that City Council appoint one or more municipal DED Inspectors, annually, to enforce the DED regulations. It is recommended that Ms. Jeannette Wheeler, Urban Forestry and Urban Biological Services Superintendent; Mr. Dave McKee, Urban Biological Services Supervisor; and Mr. Owain Van Vliet, Urban Biological Services Technician 14, Parks Division, Community Services Department, be appointed as the DED Inspectors for 2020.

As required by legislation, an annual report is provided in Appendix 1 that highlights 2019 weed inspection activities of the City's Municipal Weed Inspectors.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications of this report, the work of the Weed and DED Inspectors are included within the approved budget.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

There are no options, policy, privacy or Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) implications or considerations; public and/or stakeholder involvement is not required. A communication plan is not required at this time.

NEXT STEPS

As required by legislation, an annual report that highlights 2020 weed inspection activities will be submitted in early 2021 by the Municipal Weed Inspectors.

APPENDIX

1. City of Saskatoon 2019 Annual Weed Inspection Report

Report Approval

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