
Appointment of the 2019 Weed Inspectors and Dutch Elm Disease Inspectors

Recommendation

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

1. That Mr. Dave McKee, Mr. Owain Van Vliet, and Mr. Maedeh Tizhoosh of the Parks Division, Community Services Department, be appointed as the City of Saskatoon's 2019 Weed Inspectors, in accordance with the provisions of *The Weed Control Act*;
2. That Ms. Jeannette Wheeler, Mr. Dave McKee, Mr. Owain Van Vliet, and Mr. Maedeh Tizhoosh of the Parks Division, Community Services Department, be appointed as the City of Saskatoon's 2019 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.

Topic and Purpose

This report is to obtain City Council approval for appointment of the municipal Weed Inspectors and Dutch Elm Disease Inspectors for 2019.

Report Highlights

1. The annual appointment of municipal Weed Inspectors and Dutch Elm Disease Inspectors are requirements under *The Weed Control Act* and *The Forest Resources Management Act*.

Strategic Goals

The appointment of municipal Weed Inspectors and Dutch Elm Disease Inspectors support the following City of Saskatoon (City) Strategic Goals:

- i) A culture of Continuous Improvement, as they will ensure a coordinated approach to customer service with quick and accurate response to meet the needs of our citizens; and
- ii) Environmental Leadership, as they will help to ensure that natural resources are protected and that urban and grassland parks and urban forest remain healthy.

Background

The annual appointment of municipal Weed Inspectors and Dutch Elm Disease Inspectors are requirements under *The Weed Control Act* and *The Forest Resources Management Act*.

Report

Section 6, Article 2 of *The Weed Control Act* (Saskatchewan) requires that City Council appoint a municipal Weed Inspector(s) annually. It is recommended that Mr. Dave McKee, Pest Management Supervisor; Mr. Maedeh Tizhoosh, Applied Biology Technician; and Mr. Owain Van Vliet, Pest Management Technician 14, of the Parks Division, Community Services Department, fulfill this requirement during 2019.

Section 8, Article 2 of *The Forest Resources Management Act* requires that City Council appoint one or more municipal Dutch Elm Disease Inspectors annually to enforce the Dutch elm disease regulations. It is recommended that Mr. Owain Van Vliet, Pest Management Technician 14; Ms. Jeannette Wheeler, Superintendent, Urban Forestry and Urban Biological Services; Mr. Maedeh Tizhoosh, Applied Biology Technician, Mr. Jeff Boone, Entomologist, and Mr. Dave McKee, Supervisor of Urban Biological Services, of the Parks Division, Community Services Department, be appointed for 2019.

Environmental Implications

The City, as well as Saskatoon residents, must adhere to regulations governing both *The Forest Resources Management Act* and *The Weed Control Act*, which ensure the urban forest and other plants are protected from Dutch elm disease and invasive weeds.

Other Considerations/Implications

There are no options, policy, financial, privacy, or CPTED implications or considerations; public and/or stakeholder involvement is not required; a communication plan is not required at this time.

Due Date for Follow-up and/or Project Completion

As required by legislation, an annual report that highlights 2019 weed inspection activities will be submitted in early 2020 by the municipal Weed Inspectors.

Public Notice

Public Notice, pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

Attachment

1. City of Saskatoon 2018 Annual Weed Inspection Report

Report Approval

Written by: Jeannette Wheeler, Superintendent of Urban Forestry and Biological Services
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Approved by: Lynne Lacroix, General Manager, Community Services Department

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