

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AUGUST, 2001

**WEED INSPECTION AND COMPLIANCE
POLICY – INVOICE COLLECTION
CITY OF VAUGHAN**

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends in consultation with the Director of Finance:

That in accordance with Council's Weed Inspection and Compliance Policy, the amounts shown in the confidential attachment, Schedule "A", be deemed to be taxes and be added to the Collection Roll against the respective properties and collected in the same manner as taxes.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to add the costs associated with the destruction of noxious weeds to the tax rolls of those properties listed on Schedule "A".

Background - Analysis and Options

The Weed Inspection and Compliance Policy has been adopted by Council to facilitate the administration of the Weed Control Act in the City of Vaughan. Under this policy, property owners are required pursuant to the Act to destroy noxious weeds. On a complaint basis, property owners are advised of their responsibility to destroy the weeds and that failure to do so may result in the City entering the lands to destroy the weeds. Further, property owners are advised that the City would charge the cost for this service against the land in the same manner as taxes.

The City has entered the lands indicated on Schedule "A" and destroyed the noxious weeds. Property owners have been invoiced in accordance with the Policy but have not responded. Accordingly, as set out in the Policy, we are requesting that the City collect the outstanding monies in the same manner as taxes.

Conclusion

The effect of this recommendation will be that monies owed for the destruction of noxious weeds as listed on Schedule "A" will be added to the property tax roll and collected in the same manner as taxes.

Attachments

Schedule "A" (Mayor and Member of Council only)

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Respectfully submitted,

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