

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - JUNE 17, 2002**

### **APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL WEED INSPECTORS**

#### **Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Community Services in consultation with the Executive Director of Buildings, Facilities and Parks and the Manager of Parks Open Space and Contracts recommends:

That Council appoint Mr. Larry Iafrate, Supervisor of Parks Central Services, Mr. Frank Romano and Mr. Robert Munston, Parks Attendants as Municipal Weed Inspectors for the City of Vaughan, as authorized under Section 8.(1) of the Weed Control Act, Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1990.

#### **Purpose**

Municipal Weed Inspectors are required to prevent the spread of noxious weeds that may be harmful to crops, farm animals and to human health.

#### **Background**

Each year, the City is required to appoint municipal weed inspectors for the purpose of enforcing the Weed Control Act, R.S.O. 1990, and the Regulations made there under. The Act states:

“The council of any municipality not referred to in subsection 6 (1) may by by-law, appoint one or more persons as municipal weed inspectors to enforce this Act in the area within the council’s jurisdiction and fix their remuneration or other compensation.”

The Minister of Agriculture and Food for the Province of Ontario must be notified by April 1 of each year as to who will be Municipal Weed Inspectors. This time has been extended due to the recent Ontario Public Service strike. Traditionally, the enforcement of the Weed Control Act has been the responsibility of the Parks Department who have employees trained to identify noxious weeds.

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Respectfully submitted,

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