

THE TOWN OF MORDEN

POLICY & PROCEDURES MANUAL

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1) PURPOSE:

To provide guidelines for the control of all noxious weeds along main arterials, right of ways, pathways, and lots/easements owned by the Town of Morden (hereinafter called the “Town”). All related definitions and/or requirements contained within the Province of Manitoba Noxious Weeds Act apply in the administration of this policy. The objectives of this policy are to:

- a) Control the growth of noxious weeds in order to ensure that the ripening and scattering of weeds or weed seeds is prevented.
- b) Outline the methods to be used in order to facilitate the control of noxious weeds on Town owned property.

2) PRINCIPLES:

In order to facilitate a reasonable and cost effective program structure, the following operating principles have been adopted as the foundation for this policy:

- a) The Town will utilize a systematic program of mowing and/or weed-eating as its primary tool in the control of weed growth.
- b) In those instances where the control of weed growth through mowing/weed-eating has proven to be ineffective, and as the Town’s secondary tool in the control of this weed growth, the Town may employ a licensed contractor to carry out a herbicide spraying program.
- c) Ongoing research of improved products will be conducted by the Town of Morden Parks Manager, and introduction of these products will be incorporated whenever possible.

d) All aspects of this weed control program will be carried out subject to approval within the annual operating budget, ***or as specifically directed by Council***. In the event of budgetary restrictions, the first aspect of this program to be affected will be the herbicide spraying program, followed by the mowing program.

4) PROCEDURE:

a) The Town will employ seasonal staff to carry out a regular and ongoing program of mowing and/or weed-eating on specific Town owned property. These employees will be directly supervised in the completion of these tasks.

b) The Town will employ a private contractor to carry out a regular and systematic program of mowing/weed-eating on all remaining Town owned property. The Town, in discussion with the mowing contractor, will develop a map outlining the specific areas to be mowed, with this map forming the basis for the annual approved mowing program. Deviations from this map will be subject to the approval of the Chief Administrative Officer.

c) The Town may elect to employ a licensed contractor to carry out a herbicide spraying program. Prior to beginning a herbicide spraying program, the Town of Morden Parks Manager will be responsible for ensuring that:

- The contractor is made aware of the specific areas required to be sprayed, and any other circumstances that are relevant to the spraying of these areas.
- The contractor is duly qualified to carry out the proposed herbicide spraying program.
- All applicable spraying permits are obtained as per the requirements of the applicable legislation.
- Public notice is provided as per the requirements of the applicable legislation.

d) The Town of Morden Parks Manager will be responsible for ongoing field evaluation of current weed conditions. The Parks Manager will liaise with the mowing contractor, and/or the licensed herbicide spraying contractor on a regular basis to ensure that effective weed control is maintained.

e) All Town owned property will be mowed a minimum of three times annually, or as otherwise required due to seasonal growth patterns.