

Council Policy

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Policy Owner: Calgary Parks

1. POLICY STATEMENT

1.1 The City of Calgary:

- (a) Prioritizes human health and ecosystem health objectives:
Human health and safety is prioritized in all aspects of pest management. Conservation and resilience of biodiversity and healthy, functioning ecosystems are essential to human health, effective pest management, municipal service delivery, and risk reduction.
- (b) Engages citizens and stakeholders:
Delivering and collaborating on accessible information is necessary to secure support and positive actions for pest management.
- (c) Is adaptable and accountable:
The pest management program is implemented effectively and adaptable over time. It is accountable to the citizens of Calgary and considers economic, social, environmental, organizational and financial sustainability objectives. The program is aligned with best practices and research, and strives to meet or exceed all federal, provincial and municipal requirements.
- (d) Makes science-based decisions and actions:
Prediction, prevention, preparedness, response and recovery are the foundational components of pest management decision making and action.

2. PURPOSE

2.1 This policy:

- (a) Provides clarity for The City of Calgary's pest management activities to comply and align with all applicable federal, provincial, and municipal requirements.

3. DEFINITIONS

3.1 In this Council policy the following should guide interpretation:

- (a) “Pest” means an organism or organic function of an organism whose presence, introduction, establishment or spread in a particular time and place is causing or has the potential to cause ecological, economic, legal, aesthetic or social harm, or harm to human health and safety, if left unmanaged, including but not limited to invasive species.
- (b) “Pest management” means the collection and combination of proactive and reactive activities that aim to reduce the damage caused by pests and pest infestations.

4. APPLICABILITY

4.1 This policy,

- (a) Applies to all land, infrastructure and assets owned or stewarded by The City of Calgary and all City of Calgary employees and contractors who are acting within the course and scope of their employment or contract.
- (b) Encourages citizen awareness and landowner actions related to pest management on private lands within The City of Calgary’s jurisdiction but not owned or stewarded by The City of Calgary.

5. LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

5.1 This policy carries out the requirements of, and is enabled and informed by, the following federal, provincial, and municipal laws and regulations, including but not limited to:

5.1.1 National:

- (a) *Aquatic Invasive Species Regulation*, SOR/2015-121 (under the *Fisheries Act*, RSC, 1985, c F-14)
- (b) *Fisheries Act*, RSC, 1985, c F-14
- (c) *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, SC 1994, c 22
- (d) *Migratory Birds Regulations*, CRC, c 1035
- (e) *Pest Control Products Act*, SC 2002, c 28
- (f) *Pest Control Products Regulations*, SOR/2006-124
- (g) *Plant Protection Act*, SC 1990, c 22
- (h) *Seeds Act*, RSC 1985, c S-8

5.1.2 Provincial:

- (a) *Agricultural Pests Act*, RSA 2000, c A-8
- (b) *Environmental Code of Practice for Pesticides*, May 12, 2010
- (c) *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*, RSA 2000, c E-12
- (d) *Fisheries (Alberta) Act*, RSA 2000, c F-16
- (e) *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, c M-26, as modified by *City of Calgary Charter, 2018 Regulation*, AR 40/2018
- (f) *Pesticide Sales, Handling, Use and Application Regulation*, 24/97 (under *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*, RSA 2000, c E-12)
- (g) *Pesticide (Ministerial) Regulation*, AR 43/97 (under *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*, RSA 2000, c E-12)
- (h) *Pests and Nuisance Control Regulation*, AR 184/2001 (under *Agricultural Pests Act*, RSA 2000, c A-8)
- (i) *Water Act*, RSA 2000, c W-3
- (j) *Weed Control Act*, SA 2008, c W-5.1
- (k) *Weed Control Regulation*, AR 19/2010
- (l) *Wildlife Act*, RSA 2000, c W-10

5.1.3 Municipal:

- (a) *Agricultural Pests Bylaw*, 5M94
- (b) *Community Standards Bylaw*, 5M2004
- (c) *Licence and Community Standards Appeal Board Bylaw*, 50M2011
- (d) *Parks and Pathways Bylaw*, 11M2019

6. PROCEDURE

- 6.1 All processes will be set and adopted by the Director of Calgary Parks from time to time, and must be developed, deployed, monitored and revised in accordance with this Council policy. Processes include but are not limited to:

- 6.1.2 Prioritizing human health and ecosystem health objectives by developing protocols to ensure that pesticides are only used for managing legislated pests, protecting City infrastructure and assets, and minimizing risk to human health and safety.
- 6.1.3 Engaging citizens and stakeholders by developing and implementing pest management educational programs and materials targeting various public and stakeholder audiences as a method of pest risk mitigation.
- 6.1.4 Being adaptable and accountable by developing a working group with applicable cross-corporate members to implement aspects of the *Pest Management Policy* in order to ensure compliance and distribution of best practices across the Corporation.
- 6.1.5 Making science-based decisions and actions by developing a pest management prioritization process to determine where and when pest management efforts are needed and how pest management actions are carried out.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1 NA

8. AMENDMENT(S)

Date of Council Decision	Report/By-Law	Description
Not applicable		

9. REVIEWS(S)

Date of Policy Owner's Review	Description
Not applicable	