

## Agricultural Pest Inspector Appointments

### RECOMMENDATION:

That Council give three readings to Bylaw 18M2022 to amend the Community Standards Bylaw 5M2004.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- The proposed amendments would reinstate the ability of City Administration to appoint Agricultural Pest Inspectors pursuant to the provincial *Agricultural Pests Act, RSA 2000*, c. A-8. This ability was inadvertently deleted through recent bylaw amendments.
- **What does this mean to Calgarians?** Council has the authority to appoint Agricultural Pest Inspectors to enforce the *Agricultural Pests Act*. Historically, for the sake of effective management and expedience this authority was delegated to City Administration.
- **Why does it matter?** The proposed amendments will ensure that Council will not be the sole municipal authority capable of designating Agricultural Pest Inspectors. This will ensure that Council and Administration continue to make best use of time and resources.
- At its 2022 March 29 meeting Council considered CD2022-0285 and voted to amend the Community Standards Appeal Board Bylaw 50M2011 and repeal the Agricultural Pests Bylaw 5M94.
- Strategic Alignment to Council's Citizen Priorities: A well-run city

### DISCUSSION

Pursuant to the *Agricultural Pests Act, RSA 2000, c. A-8*, Council has the authority to appoint Agricultural Pest Inspectors to enforce the Act. Historically, Council delegated this appointment authority to the City Manager through the Agricultural Pests Bylaw 5M94.

On 2022 March 29, per Administration's recommendation, Council amended the Licence and Community Standards Appeal Board Bylaw to designate that Board as the appeal body for appeals of Agricultural Pests Notices. In doing so, the Agricultural Pests Bylaw 5M94 was repealed. This had the unintended effect of rescinding the delegation of the Agricultural Pest Inspector appointment authority.

Administration is proposing to restore the delegation of the appointment authority to the City Manager by amending the Community Standards Bylaw accordingly.

### STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION (EXTERNAL)

- Public Engagement was undertaken
- Public Communication or Engagement was not required
- Public/Stakeholders were informed
- Stakeholder dialogue/relations were undertaken

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**IMPLICATIONS**

**Social**

Not applicable

**Environmental**

Not applicable

**Economic**

Restoring the delegation of the appointment authority to the City Manager will ensure that municipal resources, including Council’s time and consideration, are utilized efficiently and appropriately.

**Service and Financial Implications**

No anticipated financial impact

**RISK**

If these amendments are not approved Council will remain the sole municipal authority capable of appointing community peace officers as Agricultural Pest Inspectors. This will place an unnecessary and ongoing draw on Council’s time and consideration.

**ATTACHMENT**

- Proposed Bylaw 18M2022

Department Circulation

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