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NM2015 – June 02

RE: DANDELION CONTROL ON CITY PROPERTY

COUNCILLORS PETER DEMONG, RAY JONES, ANDRE CHABOT WARD  
SUTHERLAND, SHANE KEATING, JOE MAGLIOCCA, SEAN CHU,  
RICHARD POOTMANS, JIM STEVENSON

WHEREAS the current state of the City parks, green spaces, roadways and boulevards are thick with dandelions appearing uncared for and unsightly;

AND WHEREAS according the City of Calgary website, the City has not generally applied pest management products for cosmetic or beautification purposed on municipally-owned land since 1998 and thereby dandelions have had the opportunity to take over and choke the grass out of many locations around the City;

AND WHEREAS the number of dandelions on City property has resulted in an ever growing number of calls to ward offices because home and business owners are angered that the City is not treating the dandelions we are responsible for;

AND WHEREAS home and business owners who are striving to care for their own properties and keep their properties dandelion free tell me they are fighting a losing battle because of the lack of effective dandelion control on City properties;

AND WHEREAS home owners and business owners risk a fine under the Community Standards Bylaw if their properties are polluted with uncontrolled dandelions and therefore the City of Calgary should set itself as an example;

AND WHEREAS there are effective organic treatments for dandelions;

AND WHERAS the City is currently rotating spraying for dandelions through the 4 quadrants of the City with the exception of play fields that are being treated leaving many areas with no dandelion control whatsoever from year to year;

AND WHEREAS in view of this it is prudent to re-evaluate the City of Calgary dandelion control policy;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Administration prepare a report on effective dandelion control for the entire City including financial ramifications and return to Council through the Standing Policy Committee on Community Services and Protective Service no later than October 5<sup>th</sup> 2015.

*[Handwritten signatures in blue ink]*

Signature of Member(s) of Council