

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - AUGUST 20, 2001

APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL WEED INSPECTORS

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services, in consultation with the Manager of Parks and Forestry recommends:

That Council appoints Mr. Frank Romano – Park Attendant, 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

To provide the Ministry of Agriculture the name and the individual responsible for enforcing the act.

Background - Analysis and Options

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 thereunder.

Previously a submission to council was approved to recommend that Marjie Fraser – Manager of Parks and Forestry Operations, and Rick Reeves – Parks Supervisor, be appointed as Municipal Weed Inspectors for the City of Vaughan. Although Management has always been identified as the “Field Inspectors”, they are not actually at the location.

The Act states: (section 12)

- (1) “For the purpose of searching for noxious weeds or weed seeds, an inspector may at any time between sunrise and sunset enter upon any land and building, except a dwelling house, in the areas within his or her jurisdiction and inspect the land, buildings and any implements, machinery, vehicles and crops or other plants.”
- (2) “An inspector shall, upon request, show proper identification to the owner or occupier of the land or building being inspected.”

Since the Act states: (section 8)

- (1) “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.”

It is recommended therefore that Frank Romano also be designated as a Weed Inspector as he is the staff member who performs the site visits for the City of Vaughan.

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 the Municipal Weed Inspectors; however additions to the list may be made afterwards.

Conclusion

Therefore it is requested that Frank Romano be added to the list of approved Weed Inspectors at the City of Vaughan as authorized under Section 8.(1) of the Weed Control Act, Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1990.

Attachments

None

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