

AMENDED MOTION as approved on June 23, 2015:

That the City of Edmonton stop using herbicides on its own lands, except where they are used to eradicate noxious weeds as defined by the provincial noxious weed list, and the following areas and issues:

1. to prevent sanitary sewer pipe obstruction
2. to control of algal blooms on storm water facilities
3. in the maintenance of high-profile and high-quality park and facilities:
 - A. Golf courses
 - B. Bowling greens
 - C. Sports fields such as staffed athletic facilities, Premier Sports Fields and Sports Fields in District Parks
 - D. Cemetery burial plots
 - E. Areas/parks involving high-profile and international events (including but not limited to, City Hall, Churchill Square, Louise McKinney Park and Hawrelak Park)
4. in commercial agriculture and horticulture crop production (ie. Muttart Conservatory, Old Man Creek Nursery)
5. to control weeds for fire safety management and drainage along LRT rail lines and to control plants and trees from structurally deteriorating hard surfaces (e.g. concrete, asphalt gravel, etc.) and
6. to allow low-risk herbicides (e.g. acetic acid, citric acid, herbicidal soap, corn gluten, iron chelate, and various bio-herbicides referred to as reduced risk herbicides by Health Canada.

SUBSEQUENT MOTION

That Administration provide information on the possibility of exempting leased city lands from application of the herbicide ban, along with an update of the Integrated Pest Management Policy.

Due: TBD (awaiting confirmation of request to extend deadline)

MOTION MADE AT JUNE 15, 2015, COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

That Administration provide a report to Community Services Committee with information on the financial requirements for basic, medium and premium levels of turf maintenance at City facilities.

Due: September 14, 2015

Updated: June 25, 2015 by SL