

Within the context of the City's Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices, the City Manager will not allow for the use of pesticides on land owned and/or maintained by The City, except where necessary, in accordance with this policy.

The City Manager will not:

- 1 Allow pesticides to be used to control nuisance weeds except:
  - (1) Within Performance Sports Fields;
  - (2) Within Class A Sports Fields and no closer than 30 meters from a play structure or school;
  - (3) Within arterial roadways;
  - (4) Noxious and prohibited noxious weeds as identified in the Provincial Weed Control Act;
  - (5) In mulched tree wells and shrub beds;
  - (6) On concrete, aggregate, asphalt or similar surfaces;
  - (7) To control rodents; and
  - (8) To control nuisance insects.
- 2 Adopt pest management practises that rely on the use of pesticides, without also ensuring the City continues to actively investigate and test methods of weed control that do not rely on pesticides.
- 3 Allow the City to be in contravention of pesticide reduction goals outlined in the Environmental Master Plan.
- 4 Allow the use of pesticides containing neonicotinoids, thereby safeguarding pollinator species.
- 5 Allow the use of pesticides that have not been approved for safe use by Health Canada.

**References/Links:**

- 1 The City of Red Deer – Weed Control Bylaw 2584
- 2 Province of Alberta – Weed Control Act and Regulations
- 3 Province of Alberta – Agriculture Pest Act and Regulations
- 4 Province of Alberta – Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act and Regulations
- 5 Government of Canada – Pest Control Products Act and Regulations

**Definitions:**

- 1 Pesticide: An umbrella term that includes: herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, fumigants, and vertebrate toxicants.
- 2 Cosmetic Pesticides: Pesticides used for nonessential or aesthetic purposes.
- 3 Nuisance Weeds: This includes any weed species that are not explicitly listed under the Alberta Weed Control Regulation.
- 4 Neonicotinoid: A class of insecticides that share a common mode of action that affects the central nervous system of insects, resulting in paralysis and death.

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