

**REPORTS**

**Item No. 11                    Herbicides and Weed Removal in Storm Water Retention Ponds**

**COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

The Assiniboia Community Committee recommended to the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment that the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to prepare a financial and environmental summary on the additional costs during the 2020 season for herbicides and weed removal in storm water retention ponds which are no longer being aerated due to fountain closures, and include the following:

1.     The type of herbicide used in ponds and the environmental impact;
2.     The increase in volume of herbicide used on ponds which are no longer being aerated due to fountain closures;
3.     The financial increase incurred by using more herbicides on ponds which are no longer being aerated due to fountain closures;
4.     The number of times weed removal equipment has been used during the 2020 season to mow ponds which are no longer being aerated due to fountain closures;
5.     The financial increase of using the weed removal equipment to mow ponds which are no longer being aerated due to fountain closures;
6.     The projected cost to reopening the fountains in retention ponds after a four year closure, including repairs and maintenance.

## Minutes – Assiniboia Community Committee – June 22, 2020

### DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Gillingham,

That Rule 10(3) of The Procedure By-law No. 50/2007 be suspended in order that the following item, which was received less than four business days preceding the committee meeting, be considered by Committee.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Lukes,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment be requested to direct the Winnipeg Public Service to prepare a financial and environmental summary on the additional costs during the 2020 season of herbicides and weed removal in storm water retention ponds which are no longer being aerated due to fountain closures, and include the following:

1. The type of herbicide used in ponds and the environmental impact;
2. The increase in volume of herbicide used on ponds which are no longer being aeriated due to fountain closures;
3. The financial increase incurred by using more herbicides on ponds which are no longer being aeriated due to fountain closures;
4. The number of times weed removal equipment has been used during the 2020 season to mow ponds which are no longer being aeriated due to fountain closures;
5. The financial increase of using the weed removal equipment to mow ponds which are no longer being aeriated due to fountain closures;
6. The projected cost to reopening the fountains in retention ponds after a four year closure, including repairs and maintenance.

Carried