

REPORT

Engineering Services

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Item #: 2023-382

Subject: New Westminster Pesticide Use Amendment Bylaw No. 8403, 2023

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council gives three readings to New Westminster Pesticide Use Amendment Bylaw No. 8403, 2023, as presented in Attachment 1 of this report.

PURPOSE

To request that Council gives three readings to the New Westminster Pesticide Use Amendment Bylaw No. 8403, 2023 as presented in Attachment 1 of this report.

BACKGROUND

The New Westminster Pesticide Use Bylaw (Bylaw No. 7288, 2008) regulates the cosmetic use of pesticides within the City of New Westminster to reduce the risk of pesticides to public health and the natural environment. The current bylaw has not been amended since being adopted in 2009.

The Provincial *Integrated Pest Management Act* (IPMA) and *Integrated Pest Management Regulation* (IPMR) helped guide the development of the City's current Pesticide Use Bylaw.

The IPMA and IPMR were brought into force in 2004 and regulate the sale and use of pesticides in British Columbia. Substantial amendments to the IPMR occurred in December 2015 and took effect on July 1, 2016. These changes are intended to increase interaction between pesticide vendors and the public, ensure that people with appropriate training and knowledge use pesticides, and guarantee pesticides are used responsibly

and as part of an Integrated Pest Management process. Additional amendments have occurred from time to time, including in February 2023.

Staff are bringing forward amendments to the New Westminster Pesticide Use Bylaw No. 7288, 2008 for Council's consideration. These amendments reflect current requirements under the Provincial IPMR.

EXISTING POLICY/PRACTICE

The City's current practice is to refer residents and landscapers to the New Westminster Pesticide Use Bylaw No. 7288, 2008 to address questions pertaining to pesticide use.

ANALYSIS

The proposed amendment to the bylaw requires pesticide users to hold a valid and appropriate certificate issued by the Province and revises the list of permitted pesticides (i.e., pesticides that are excluded from the provisions of the Bylaw). The intent of these changes is to ensure pesticides are used responsibly and by people with appropriate knowledge and training. These amendments are in accordance with the Provincial IPMR.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The proposed amendments intend to reduce potential environmental and health risks associated with the use of pesticides in the City.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications to the City associated with the introduction of this bylaw amendment, but indirect costs could be borne by pesticide users that now need to be certified as per the provincial requirements.

INTERDEPARTMENTAL LIAISON

Staff in Engineering Services, Engineering Operations, CAPD, Parks & Recreation and Legal Services collaborated on this report.

OPTIONS

The following options are presented for Council's Consideration:

1. THAT Council gives three readings to New Westminster Pesticide Use Amendment Bylaw No. 8403, 2023, as presented in Attachment 1 of this report;
2. THAT Council provides other direction.

Staff recommend Option 1.

CONCLUSION

The proposed amendments should ensure pesticides are used responsibly by people with appropriate knowledge and training. These changes will align the City's current bylaw with requirements under the Provincial IPMR.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – New Westminster Pesticide Use Amendment Bylaw No. 8403, 2023.
Attachment 2 – Redline New Westminster Pesticide Use Bylaw No. 7288, 2008.

APPROVALS

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