

Memorandum

CL-C 35-2024

Subject: Appointment of Area Weed Inspectors

Date: Thursday April 25, 2024

To: Council

From: Angelo Apfelbaum, Manager, Business Licensing

Regional Council shall appoint, by by-law, Area Weed Inspectors pursuant to section 6(1) of the Weed Control Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. W.5.

These appointments allow the Area Weed Inspectors to enter upon any land and building to inspect the land, buildings, implements, machinery, vehicles, crops or other plants for noxious weeds or seeds as proscribed by Schedule in Reg.1096 of the Act.

The Area Weed Inspectors may also issue orders for destruction of noxious weeds/seeds or issue charges for a contravention of the Act. For this purpose, Area Weed Inspectors are designated as Provincial Offences Officers under the Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.33, subsection 1(1)(e).

The Area Weed Inspectors work in conjunction with Municipal Weed Inspectors, who are appointed by the local area municipalities and the Chief Weed Inspector, appointed by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

The following individuals are employees of Niagara Region and are qualified to be appointed as Area Weed Inspectors:

- Angelo Apfelbaum, Manager, Business Licensing
- Gino Pasquariello, Licensing Enforcement Officer
- Petar Vujic, Manager, Road Safety, Public Works
- Doug Bolton, Supervisor, Corridor Management, Public Works
- Adam Parker, Corridor Technician, Public Works
- Kevin Allan, Corridor Technician, Public Works

It is therefore recommended that these individuals be appointed as Area Weed Inspectors. A by-law has been prepared and is included on the agenda for the Council meeting on April 25, 2024, for Council's consideration (Agenda Item 17.2).

Once the by-law has been passed, notice of the appointments will be sent to the Chief Weed Inspector as required under the Act.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

Angelo Apfelbaum
Manager, Business Licensing