

Memorandum

CL-C 22-2025

Subject: Appointment of Area Weed Inspectors

Date: Thursday, March 20, 2025

To: Regional Council

From: Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk

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:

- Chris Johnston, Manager, Licensing and Enforcement (effective April 1, 2025)
- Vanessa Blair, Licensing and Enforcement Officer Lead Hand
- 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 this Council meeting for Council's consideration (Agenda Item 18.6).

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

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk