



# REQUEST FOR DECISION

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SUBJECT: **Public Weed Reporting Application**

SUBMISSION TO: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MEETING DATE: July 15, 2025

DEPARTMENT: AGRICULTURE

STRATEGIC PLAN: Economy

REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION

CAO: MANAGER: SK

DIR: MH PRESENTER: SK

LEG: SS

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## RELEVANT LEGISLATION:

**Provincial** (cite) – Weed Control Act, SA 2008, c W-5.1

**Council Bylaw/Policy** (cite) – Policy 6303: Weed Control, Policy 6302: Roadside Vegetation Management

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## RECOMMENDED ACTION:

**MOTION: That the Committee of the Whole accept the report on Weed Inspection and Control Processes for information, as presented.**

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## BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Administration has prepared a report to update the Committee of the Whole on the proposed Public Weed Reporting Application.

The Public Weed Reporting Application was created as an enhancement to the department's current offerings to the public, allowing concerned citizens to report infestations with geographic reference within Greenview in a seamless manner. The reports automatically appear on the weed inspection maps, for prompt assessment by crews, with a reply feature for supervisors to let the interested party know the results of their report in real time.

Identification of the species will be handled internally, with photos being required for investigation to be launched. Reports that are identified as a regulated species will be added to the current managed infestation caseload should they not already be recorded. Reports that are not regulated will be replied to with information for others to access regarding the species. This was by design, as it allows education of the public without the expectation of identification abilities.

The application features a "like" or "dislike" button for each report's response. With this metric, we will have feedback from concerned members of the public on the department's response to their report in a non-confrontational manner.

While the department will always accept and respond to reports via phone calls, the "Report a Problem" program and other forms of notification, this application was created to provide an additional option for concerned members of the public.

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**BENEFITS OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

1. The benefit of accepting the presentation is that Committee of the Whole will be updated on the features of the proposed Public Weed Reporting Application.

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**DISADVANTAGES OF THE RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

There are no perceived disadvantages to the recommended motion.

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**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:**

**Alternative #1:** Committee of the Whole has the alternative to request further information regarding the proposed application at a later date.

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**FINANCIAL IMPLICATION:**

There are no financial implications to the recommended motion.

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**STAFFING IMPLICATION:**

There are no staffing implications to the recommended motion.

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**PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT LEVEL:**

Greenview has adopted the IAP2 Framework for public consultation.

**INCREASING LEVEL OF PUBLIC IMPACT**

Involve

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GOAL**

Involve - To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.

**PROMISE TO THE PUBLIC**

Involve - We will work with you to ensure that your concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.

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**FOLLOW UP ACTIONS:**

There are no follow-up actions regarding the recommended motion.

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**ATTACHMENT(S):**

- Public Weed Reporting Application Presentation