# CITY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE



# **POLICY**

POLICY NO: 703 APPROVAL DATE: September 8, 2014

TITLE: Pest Management REVISION DATE:

SECTION: Materials, Equipment & Services LAST REVIEWED: December 7, 2021

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## POLICY STATEMENT

The City of Grande Prairie ("City") is committed to providing environmental consideration by:

- Actively promoting pest prevention by improving plant health.
- Using the Integrated Pest Management process.

#### REASON FOR POLICY

- 1. To ensure that all City pest management activities operate under an Integrated Pest Management model.
- 2. To ensure that all City hired contractors follow an Integrated Pest Management process when performing work on City lands.
- 3. To ensure that City pest control operations follow an Ecological Approach when dealing with pests.

#### **RELATED INFORMATION**

The 2013 Integrated Pest Management Plan.

## **DEFINITIONS**

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) - means a decision-based pest management system that utilizes all suitable techniques to reduce pest populations to tolerable levels while maintaining environmental sustainability.

Ecological Approach - means a systems approach to prevention and management where control strategies are determined based on the relationship between the target organism's life cycle and its environment.

# RESPONSIBILITIES

City Council will review and approve any revisions to this policy.

City Manager will review and approve any procedures related to this policy.

City Administration will carry out the policy based on established procedures.