

ITEM 9

MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 43

COUNCIL MEETING June 11/73

9. Re: Use of 2-4-D

Council on May 22, 1973, requested information on 2-4-D, and specifically, the extent to which this chemical is used in the Municipality. Following is a report from the Parks and Recreation Administrator regarding this matter:

"2-4-D is a selective herbicide. Its value derives from the fact that when applied to an area, it kills broad leaved plants without significantly harming grasses. In the Parks system, a commercial product containing 2-4-D is used to control weeds on putting greens, and on rare occasions when major infestations occur, it is used on ornamental lawns and playing fields.

Our policy regarding herbicides is to use these with discretion. Wherever possible, weed growth is limited by cultural practices, such as properly timed fertilizing and mowing. There are occasions, however, when extraordinary treatment is required, and in such cases, we do use 2-4-D, recognizing that it is approved for public use by the Department of Agriculture and is considered to be safe. In my opinion, it would be unwise to further restrict the use of 2-4-D in the Parks system at this time."

This is for the information of Council.