



The Corporation of the City of Cornwall
Regular Meeting of Council
New Business Motion

Department: Corporate Services
Division: Clerk's Division
Report Number: 2023-104-Corporate Services
Meeting Date: April 24, 2023
Subject: Grass Cutting in Residential Parks

Proposed by: Councillor Todd Bennett

Seconded by: Councillor Dean Hollingsworth

Whereas, last summer, several residences suffered through issues with rats and several of those issues were made worse by tall grass being allowed to grow in City Parks located in subdivisions that backed onto residential properties.

Whereas, several years ago, Council passed a motion to stop cutting 100% of the park space as a cost saving measure.

Whereas that decision is starting to have unintended consequences. one being that the tall grass is providing cover for rats to live in and thrive, and thus causing issues with neighboring residential property owners.

Whereas, on our own city website under pest control, we advise homeowners to keep their properties neat, clean, and with properly cut lawns to avoid attracting rodents.



Whereas we allow grass to grow up to 12 inches high on the other side of the fence in our City Parks and this complete nullifies any of the good work being done by homeowners that back onto some City Parks.

Whereas, as well intentioned as the original decision was to not cut 100% of the grass to achieve cost savings, we need to look at changing the way we cut grass in our residential park spaces.

Now therefore now be it resolved that Council request administration to come back at the next Council Meeting with a report on cost estimates associated with cutting 100% of the grass in residential parks that are having rat issues with neighboring properties.