

Request for Decision City Council



Type of Decision

Meeting Date	November 24, 2005				Report Date	November 9, 2005			
Decision Requested	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	Priority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	High	<input type="checkbox"/>	Low
	Direction Only				Type of Meeting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Open	<input type="checkbox"/>	Closed

Report Title

CANADA GEESE CONTROLS

Policy Implication + Budget Impact

This report and recommendation(s) have been reviewed by the Finance Division and the funding source has been identified.

Refer to 2006 Budget

Background Attached

Recommendation

WHEREAS, Canada Geese are frequenting parks, play fields and water fronts; resulting in health, aesthetic and safety concerns.

WHEREAS, research shows that this problem is steadily increasing throughout Ontario and the US;

WHEREAS, a control and maintenance program is necessary to repel geese from public designated city properties frequently used by citizens.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, options, for Council's consideration, be developed for 2006 Budget Review.

Recommendation Continued

Recommended by the Department Head

Catherine Matheson
General Manager of Community Development

Recommended by the C.A.O.

Mark Mieto
Chief Administrative Officer

Date:

Report Prepared By



Kevan Moxam
Manager of Parks Services

Division Review



Réal Carré
Director of Leisure Services

Executive Summary:

During the past season the CGS has received increasing numbers of complaints of geese frequenting City parks and play fields.

Research of maintenance programs and controls to curtail the geese problem have been undertaken.

The concerns with geese is a fairly new problem in the City, but all research shows that the problem will magnify. There are many options that could be brought forward (dog control, oiling of eggs, culling, relocating program, spraying).

Background:

The geese population is increasing 10-15% per year on the average. Geese recognize City play fields and water fronts offer protected areas with few natural predators. This problem discourages citizen activity in these areas.

In late August, the City received permission from the Ministry of Environment to apply geese repellent to City turf areas. The products have been available in the States but has just been cleared for use in Ontario. The results were encouraging and seemed to limit the areas the geese frequented. A spraying program seems to be a positive step in repelling geese from designated areas. The length of time that the spray is effective on the sites has yet to be determined. The frequency on which the product is applied will be dependent on weather conditions and geese populations.

Cities such as Sault St. Marie and Mississauga have used sweeper/vacs to maintain the turf areas that are habited by the geese population. This piece of equipment sweeps up the litter and geese droppings that are on the fields.

One point that has to be considered is that by repelling the geese from City water fronts and play fields, the problem is only moving to another site. What type of concern this will raise is unknown. However, given the nature of activity occurring on public play fields and beaches action is recommended to defer the geese.

OPTION	DESCRIPTION	METHOD OF HAVING WORK PERFORMED	COSTS	RESULTS
1	Spraying Programs	Contract out application of products	Approximately \$44,988. per season	This is a new product with limited test results. Areas that were tested proved positive in repelling geese from turf areas.

Date:

2	Sweeper/Vac	Limited position to operate equipment	Purchase equipment 2006 Parks Capital Fleet Budget (\$45,000.00). Increase man-hours 2006 Operational Budget limited position (\$25,000.00).	Provides mechanical method to picking up litter and geese droppings. Equipment would be moved from site to site.
3	Dog Control	Contract out service		Proven to be one of the best deterrents for geese control. Limited availability of service providers.

SUMMARY BREAKDOWN FOR OPTION #1

<u>Identified Problem Locations</u>	<u>Applications</u>
- James Jerome Sports Complex	9
- Moonlight Beach / Camp Sudaca	9
- Robinson Playground	6
- Moonlight Ballfield	3
- Kinsmen Fields	9
- Whitewater Lake Park	6
- Kalmo [sandy beach]	3
- Meatbird	3
- Ella Lake	3
- Bell Park	9
- Carmichael Ballfields	6
- Nepawhin Park	3
TOTAL APPLICATIONS	69

Options for Council's consideration will form part of the 2006 Budget deliberations.

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Report Title

Invitation to Federation of Canadian Municipalities National Board

Policy Implication & Budget Impact

N/A This report and recommendation(s) have been reviewed by the Finance Division and the funding source has been identified.

No policy or budget implications. Any costs to the CGS associated with hosting the FCM National Board Meeting would be covered through the Tourism Event Support budget.

Background Attached

Recommendation

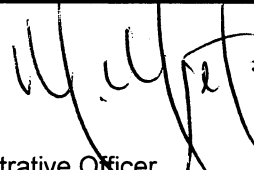
WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury is a proud member of the federation of Canadian Municipalities;
AND WHEREAS representatives from this city and former municipalities have served this important national association with dedication and distinction;
AND WHEREAS Councillor Terry Kett currently serves on the FCM National Board;
AND WHEREAS the FCM Board has never met in the City of Greater Sudbury;
AND WHEREAS Greater Sudbury is Northern Ontario's largest centre, located centrally in Canada, well-connected to national transportation links, blessed with outstanding natural beauty, and a superior destination for meetings and conferences of all kinds;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Greater Sudbury extends a warm invitation to our friends and colleagues of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to hold one of their 2009 Semi-Annual National Board Meetings in the City of Greater Sudbury.

Recommendation Continued

Recommended by the Department


Doug Nadorozny, General Manager
Growth and Development

Recommended by the C.A.O.


Mark Mieto
Chief Administrative Officer

Date: November 17, 2005

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Division Review

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities is an association that advocates on behalf of municipalities on a national level. The City of Greater Sudbury and its predecessor municipalities have long been members of this organization and several local Mayors and Councillors have served on the FCM Board.

FCM has been a consistent partner with the City of Greater Sudbury on several initiatives, most recently with projects involving EarthCare Sudbury.

Each year, FCM holds two national board meetings, each attracting between 150 and 200 delegates from across the country. In October, Tourism Staff met with James Knight, CEO of FCM, at a meetings marketplace. Mr. Knight indicated that FCM might be receptive to an invitation from the CGS to bring one of these meetings to Greater Sudbury, especially because they have not been here before and because Councillor Kett is currently a member of the National Board.

The next available dates for this meeting are in the Spring and Fall of 2009. The FCM Board will consider the bid and make its decision in September of 2006.

A bid for such a meeting has been prepared, along with the resolution of invitation for Council's consideration.