Councillor Request Report

#	Elected Official Name	Subject	Req type	Meeting date	Due date	Resp Dept	2nd Dept	Request	Reponse date	Reponse	Status
135	ANDERSON Dave	Weed Control	Information	2017/06/06	2017/06/20	TAS		Please provide information on the efforts to control the excess of dandelions throughout the County.	19/06/2017	Dandelion control on public property in Strathcona County is done in three ways: • Turf aeration, topdressing, and overseeding. • Mowing • Spraying Maintaining healthy grass is the most effective way to reduce dandelion growth. Compacted grass/turf areas are ideal growing areas for dandelions to take root. Aerating is one of Strathcona County's first line of defense to maintaining healthy grassed areas. Sports fields are aerated multiple times throughout the season, followed by high use parks, boulevards and the remaining park areas. Having healthy soil and turf density will also choke out weeds which is why we conduct topdressing and overseeding on our fields that need it most, based on our field testing results. Mowing of grassed areas in the County is done on a 7 to 10 day cycle, which helps reduce the dandelion growth, although it won't eliminate the growth once it takes root. Dandelion growth is visible within 3 days, so you will often see the dandelions growing ahead of the grass. Mowing will knock down the growth, but not eliminate it. Consistent mowing will stress the plant out to the point where it will not return. Spraying is our third option and is done on a 5 year cycle. Due to public concern over the years with pesticide spraying, we have not increased the frequency of our spraying. Spraying at school sites scheduled for this year will be starting the first week of August as school is out and these parks can be closed without affecting the school's use. The remaining areas scheduled for spraying are typically done starting the beginning of September. Dandelions start pulling in nutrients to their root system in the fall so it is the most effective time to spray to impact their future growth.	Complete
136	CARR Roxanne	Graffiti	Information	2017/06/13	2017/06/27	RPC		Please provide information on what actions are taken and education provided by the County to combat graffiti and if the Student Squad has been active in the community assisting in the removal where needed.	2017/06/27	An email was provided to Council with the response to this request. Please see attached.	Complete
137	BIDZINSKI Victor	County Hall Entrance	Information	2017/06/13	2017/06/27	RPC		Please provide an update on the landscaping/ construction activity taking place at the front of County Hall and brief information on the maintenance of it and its completion. Please provide information on what new herbicide the City of	2017/06/27	An email was provided to Council with the response to this request. Please see attached.	Complete
138	BIDZINSKI Victor	Herbicide Treatment for Dandelions	Information	2017/06/20	2017/07/04	RPC		Edmonton is using to treat dandelions and any information on the recent decisions of this treatment (cost, use, etc.).			
139	RIDDELL Bonnie	Municipal Development Plan / School Boards	Information	2017/06/20	2017/07/04	PDS		Was the letter dated Feb 3, 2017, on the Strathcona County Municipal Development Plan (File No. 4430-2017MDP001) from Trina Boymook, Board Chair for Elk Island Public Schools forwarded to Planning and Development Services? [Letter was sent to Deanna Cambridge]. The Elk Island School Boards (Public and Catholic) met with Administration to discuss concerns related to the MDP.			