# Councillor Request Inquiry #09-2020

## Please provide a copy of the map for targeted brushing.

Good afternoon Council,

As brought forward by Councillor Smith during the May 12 webcast meeting, please find attached maps and correspondence regarding the Information Request for a *Map for Targeted Brushing*.

#### **Information Request**

Map for Targeted Brushing - Please provide a copy of the map for targeted brushing

**Councillor:** P. Smith, Ward 5

**Department:** Transportation and Agriculture Services

Due: May 27, 2020

The map labelled **Mulching-Brushing Program 2020 Full Map** outlines the planned area for the 2020 season and the areas completed from 2017 – 2019. Reference attached **Detailed View** map for a closer view of 2020 work area.

- Working east from Range Road 225 to Highway 830
- Township Road 534 moving north to Township 542
- Program runs from October 26 December 18

The above information is also provided on the bottom right portion of the *Detailed View* map.

A more detailed mulching/brushing map can be provided in October once work plans have been finalized.

### **Supplementary information:**

Mulching involves using a machine to shred trees and brush into chips that are left to naturally decompose in the ditch over time. This improves traffic sightlines, allows for proper drainage and ensures there is enough space for snow cleared off the road in winter.

The County will only mulch trees and brush within our ditch and not on private land. Trees are conserved wherever possible. Mulching changes the appearance of the ditch at first. Typically, these areas re-establish grass within the year and the appearance improves by mid-summer of the following year.

Transportation and Agriculture Services we will not have a full-time brushing crew this summer due to COVID-19.

Should you have any questions please contact David Churchill at 780-417-7130 or David. Churchill@strathcona.ca.

Thank you and stay well,

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