

POLICY MANUAL	Policy No. 6-9
For the Municipality of South Dundas	Effective Date: May 19, 2015
Subject: Roadside Weed Spraying	Department: Transportation Services

PREAMBLE:

As stewards of the Municipal Right-of-Way (R.O.W.) it is our duty to maintain our R.O.W. in a responsible manner. Maintenance of the R.O.W. includes the management and treatment of noxious weeds as prescribed in the most current revision of the Province of Ontario *Weed Control Act* and other applicable legislative requirements.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Municipal weed spraying policy is to reduce the infestation of weeds that can negatively impact agriculture through the reduction of crop yields. This policy is also intended to aid in the reduction of health hazards to human and livestock. The policy will incorporate methods that are environmentally responsible, practical, timely, and economically feasible to manage roadside weeds and provides the Municipality with a framework for an active management plan that will effectively manage and control weeds. The ultimate goal of this policy is to reduce the infestation of weeds within the Municipal R.O.W. so that weed pressures are more easily manageable through mechanical control and spot spraying (i.e. routine control as opposed to reduction).

CRITERIA:

The *Weed Control Act* was established to assist in protecting the integrity of lands used for agricultural and horticultural purposes (Weed Control Act, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER W.5, Section 22). Roadside Spraying within the Municipal R.O.W. shall only be undertaken by licensed and insured contractors and shall be completed in accordance with all laws and regulations (as amended from time to time) with herbicides that are approved for use by the Ministry of Environment.