



AGENDA REPORT

City Council Meeting

TODAY'S DATE: May 13, 2024

MEETING DATE: May 15, 2024

TO: Sandpoint City Council

FROM: Mayor Jeremy Grimm

SUBJECT: Temporary Suspension of Integrated Weed Management Plan

DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND:

On April 20, 2016, under Resolution 16-30, Sandpoint City Council adopted the Integrated Weed Management Plan, which applies to all civic properties within the City, as well as City-managed rights of way, and serves as a guide for residents of our community. The Plan directs the use of ecologically sensitive weed management strategies, with an emphasis on the reduction of herbicide use and implementation of preventative and alternative control measures within the City, and identifies weed control practices that result in minimal impact to human health and the environment.

It has been determined, at this time, that immediate treatment action is necessary in order to manage the vast weed population that is overtaking the City's properties in town. A photo of just one such area is attached. With the restrictions placed on staff under the adopted Plan to have the ability to remedy this situation and bring the weed infestation under control as soon as possible on the City's properties throughout town, a temporary suspension of the restrictions outlined within the Plan, including the use of traditional herbicides, has been requested.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the Resolution, effective immediately, instituting a temporary suspension of six (6) months on the restrictions outlined within the City's Integrated Weed Management Plan, including the use of traditional herbicides.

ACTION:

Approve the Resolution for a temporary suspension of six (6) months on the restrictions outlined within the City's Integrated Weed Management Plan, including the use of traditional herbicides, effective immediately.

WILL THERE BE ANY FINANCIAL IMPACT? No **HAS THIS ITEM BEEN BUDGETED?** Yes

ATTACHMENTS:

Proposed Resolution

Photo of example of current weed situation

Copy of Resolution 16-30 Integrated Weed Management Plan