



Memorandum

Date: October 11, 2024
To: Finance and Planning Committee
From: Josh Currie, Assistant Director of Operations
Action Item: **Annual Integrated Pest Management Report**

1.0 ISSUE STATEMENT

The Board authorizes the use of all suitable techniques in an organized program to suppress pest populations in effective, economical and environmentally safe ways.

2.0 RELEVANT BOARD MOTION/DIRECTION

Policy 620 – Integrated Pest Management (IPM) states: *“Each year a report shall be provided to the Board on the effective use of Integrated Pest Management (IPM), with appropriate recommendations for possible enhancements.”*

3.0 BACKGROUND

School District policy ensures that no chemical pesticides are used on district sites. This requires alternative measures to control landscape and structural surfaces.

4.0 POINTS FOR CONSIDERATION

None.

5.0 OPTIONS FOR ACTION

Continue the program in alignment and advice of our District Horticulturists and external expert consultants where required.

6.0 FOLLOW UP

Yearly report required as per Policy 620 – Integrated Pest Management (IPM).

7.0 DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

The District will continue supporting a proactive and preventative approach to managing noxious weeds, invasive plants, vegetation and pests on all of our sites, (landscape or structural). Integrated Pest Management is a long-term program that reduces the reliance on pesticides and can lead to a reduction in their use. At this time no pesticides are utilized to control pests on any school site.

8.0 STAFF RECOMMENDATION

THAT: The Finance and Planning Committee recommends to the Board:

THAT: The Board of Education accept the Annual Integrated Pest Management Report as the Annual Report required in Policy 620 – Integrated Pest Management (IPM), as attached to the Agenda and presented at the October 16, 2024 Finance and Planning Committee Public Meeting.

9.0 APPENDICES

- A. District Grounds Coordinator, Eric Dion detailed 2023/2024 report
- B. Policy 620 – Integrated Pest Management (IPM)
- C. BC Ministry of Environment Integrated Pest Management Act and Regulation.