POLICY 279



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## **Council Policy**

Knox Mountain Park – Spraying for Pest Infestation APPROVED May 17, 1999

RESOLUTION:R375/10/04/26 REPLACING: R424/99/05/17 DATE OF LAST REVIEW: April 2010

Western Spruce Budworm and Douglas-Fir Tussock Moth are the two major insect pests currently affecting the health of forests in Knox Mountain Park. Both are defoliators of Douglas-Fir and the Tussock Moth can kill Douglas-Fir trees within 1-2 years.

Knox Mountain Park will be treated for Tussock Moth and Spruce Budworm using NPV and BTK when deemed necessary by the Park Services Manager.

The NPV and BTK products will be applied by Forestry professionals in accordance with prescribed procedures.

The community will be informed by the City through the media in advance of spraying these materials and spraying will be confined to early morning hours when generally there is less outdoor activity.

## REASON FOR POLICY

To manage pest infestation in Knox Mountain Park.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Council Resolution.

## PROCEDURE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

The Park Services Manager will monitor and identify infestations and determine when spraying is needed.