


<b>DEPARTMENT: Agricultural Services</b>	
	<b>TOPIC: Municipal Reserve Licensing</b>
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**PURPOSE OF REQUEST**

For the Council to discuss adding in a liability waiver for ratepayers who would like to maintain municipal reserves without charge.

**BACKGROUND**

A few ratepayers have asked why they need to apply and pay for a municipal reserve license to maintain (mow) a municipal reserve. When ratepayers ask about maintaining the municipal reserve, they are directed to municipal reserve licensing, which many find too costly to justify. Small parcels of land often have no production value and are unlikely to be rented out for profit. Allowing ratepayers to maintain these municipal reserves without charge would support weed control, fire prevention and improve aesthetic appeal of the community.

**REQUEST OF BOARD**

*Proposed Motion:*

That Council authorize ratepayers to maintain municipal reserves at no charge by signing a liability waiver, provided there are no bids for the municipal reserve and the maintenance is conducted on a non-profit basis.

AND/OR

That Council may provide alternative direction.

**APPENDICES**

- Appendix A: Draft Mowing a Municipal Reserve Info Sheet
- Appendix B: Draft Mowing Release of Liability Waiver
- Appendix C: 2025 Fee Bylaw Schedule