



Hamilton

INFORMATION REPORT

TO: Mayor and Members General Issues Committee	WARD(S) AFFECTED: CITY WIDE
COMMITTEE DATE: February 14, 2013	
SUBJECT/REPORT NO: Urban Boulevard Grass Mowing Program Enhancement (PW13013) - (City Wide)	
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Council Direction:

Not application.

Information:

The urban boulevard grass mowing program provides mowing services to traffic islands, medians, boulevards, roadside ditches, grassed slopes within the urban area. The current service level provides nine mowing cycles for boulevards and three mowing cycles for urban traffic islands annually. The 2012 inventory of serviced areas is 743,000m² and was supported by a budget in the amount of \$200,000.

A budget enhancement of \$81,000 would provide three additional mowing cycles to the boulevards, non-rural ditches, grassed slopes and other designated road allowance areas at an increased cost of \$56,000 and nine additional cut cycles to the islands at an additional cost of \$25,000. This would provide an overall service level of twelve cycles per cutting season for all serviced areas (696,500m² of urban medians, boulevards, urban ditches, slopes and designated road allowance areas and 46,500m² of traffic islands).

The enhanced service level would address concerns for urban roadway aesthetics related to a trend towards longer growing seasons.