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Council gives OK to herbicides on Hwy medians

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Local News

A bit of a battle of the sexes around Kelowna Council this week, as the members considered how to handle landscape medians on Highway 97.

Last year, WorkSafe BC deemed their maintenance practices unsafe for workers, and civic staff is currently working on a new median design to address those concerns. In the meantime, staff suggested getting a licensed applicator to spray herbicides to control the weeds - a move that would be permitted under the City's Cosmetic Pesticide Bylaw.

But City Councillor Angela Reid was strongly opposed:

"There's no filtration on the roads for run-off. It's going straight into our lake when it rains or when the streets are washed. The water goes straight into our lakes without any real treatment."

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But the male Council members defeated them with a 5-3 vote.

Denise Wong - Kelowna

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