

Leisure Services
Parks Services
*2008 Geese
Management Program
Update*

Geese Issues...

- Geese population is increasing by 10-15 % per year on average
- Geese recognize playfields & waterfronts as protected areas with few potential predators
- Geese droppings contain bacteria which pose a potential health risk to facility users



Geese Management Options

- Department has contacted several cities (Mississauga, Pickering, Thunder Bay) in order to discuss geese management options

- Options Include:

- Egg Oiling
- Spraying Programs
- Increase Maintenance
- Habitat Modification
- Public Education program
- Relocating Birds
- Relocating Nests
- Dog Control
- Pyrotechnics

Background

- In 2006 – Council approved \$ 45,000 for the purchase of a sweeper/vacuum to sweep up litter and geese droppings



- 2008 - Council approved a one time allocation of \$ 75,000 in order to implement a geese management program and increase maintenance
- May 2008 - Department issues an R.F.P.
- DSI Contractor was awarded the position
- July 2008 – Program starts
- Fall of 2008 – Department to report back to Council on pilot project

Sites Selected for Pilot Project Include:

- Bell Park
- James Jerome Sports Complex
- Moonlight Beach
- Robinson Playfields

Geese Management Initiatives Implemented in 2008 Include:

