



## **MUNICIPAL POLICY HANDBOOK**

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### **CLUBROOT MANAGEMENT POLICY**

The County of Athabasca Agriculture Service Department shall carry out the requirements of the Agricultural Pest Act of Alberta RSA 2000. Clubroot was named as a declared pest under the Act in 2007. Under this Act municipalities shall take active measures to prevent the establishment of, or control, or destroy Clubroot in the municipality.

#### **Guidelines:**

1. The County of Athabasca shall appoint the designate Agricultural Fieldman, the Farm Production Specialist and any other municipal employee they deem required to act as inspectors under the Agricultural Pest Act.
2. Random field inspections of canola crops within the County of Athabasca will be inspected for the presence of Clubroot with a priority placed on those canola fields that appear to be in distress.
3. Field inspections will be conducted by inspectors appointed under the Agricultural Pests Act by Athabasca County Council. Inspections will take place primarily during the months of June to September.
4. Inspectors will follow a standardized procedure set out by Agriculture Services administration on proper sampling techniques and protocol for entering fields.
5. When land is verified positive for Clubroot the land owner will be notified in writing with a legal notice under the Province of Alberta Agricultural Pests Act.
6. The notice will prohibit the growth of canola and mustard crops for a period of four years as recommended in the Alberta Clubroot Management Program. Under no circumstances will these crops be permitted to be grown.
7. Any land then sown to such a crop within a period of four years will be destroyed at the owners/occupants expense.

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8. Agriculture Services administration staff will provide information and education to landowners regarding the spread of disease.
  
9. An inspector who finds on any premises evidence of Clubroot may notify persons engaged in the growing, transporting or processing of any crop that may be affected by the infestation, or by any organizations representing them, of the infestation, including the location of those premises and the name of their occupants, if the inspector considers such notification necessary or advisable with a view to preventing the spread of or controlling the infestation.

This policy shall be reviewed on an annual basis by the Agriculture Service Board

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