

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES

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| TITLE: | Clubroot of Canola |
| APPROVED BY COUNCIL: | April 16, 2008 |
| EFFECTIVE DATE: | April 16, 2008 |
| POLICY NO. | AG-09 |
| LEGAL AUTHORITY: | Agricultural Pests Act |

POLICY STATEMENT

The Council of the Municipal District of Big Lakes recognizes that Clubroot of Canola is a concern to agricultural operations within the municipality. Council further recognizes that it is beneficial to the municipality to establish measures to prevent and/or control Clubroot.

POLICY

Prevention

1. Upon the recommendation of the Agriculture Fieldman, Council will appoint individuals to serve as “inspectors” for the purposes of this policy
2. Annually, the Agriculture Fieldman shall prepare a schedule for the inspection of Canola fields within the municipality. In preparing this inspection schedule, the Agriculture Fieldman shall bear the following in mind:
 - a. A majority of Canola fields within the municipality shall be inspected each year;
 - b. The fields inspected should be spread across the geographic area of the municipality;
 - c. Whether the producer is known, or believed, to be involved in farming land outside the Peace Region;
 - d. Whether the producer is known, or believed, to have recently purchased farm or earth moving equipment from outside the Peace Region;
 - e. Whether earth moving equipment (i.e. pipeline, drilling, service rigs or road construction equipment) from outside the Peace Region has recently been on the land; and

- f. Whether symptoms of Clubroot have been previously noticed on the field.
3. The Agriculture Fieldman shall establish standard procedures to be followed by inspectors while conducting inspections. These procedures shall be designed to minimize the possibility of Clubroot being transferred between fields by inspectors.

Control

4. In the event that Clubroot is discovered within the Municipal District of Big Lakes, the Agriculture Fieldman shall:
 - a. Ensure that any notice(s) as required under the Agriculture Pest Act are issued;
 - b. Inform the Agricultural Advisory Committee and the municipal Council of the discovery and of enforcement actions taken;
 - c. Ensure that all Canola fields with which the producer is known to be involved are inspected;
 - d. Place a notice in the South Peace News for 2 consecutive weeks advising the public that Clubroot has been discovered with the municipality;
 - e. Advise other Peace Region Agriculture Fieldman of the discovery;
 - f. Advise appropriate provincial departments of the discovery;
5. The owner of lands confirmed with Clubroot shall be required to adopt the following control measures:
 - a. To harvest the crop with the canola seed being sold for crushing, but **not** sold for feed or kept for seed. Straw from the crop is to be chopped and spread back onto the field. It should not be baled or removed;
 - b. To tarp any load being transported from the infested land;
 - c. To clean any crop residue and soil from all equipment and implements prior to removing them from the infected land.

- d. To sterilize implements or parts thereof which come directly into contact with the soil using a 1-2% bleach solution;
- e. To ensure that no canola or Clubroot susceptible crops are seeded for the next four years.
- f. The canola seed from Clubroot infected fields is not to be used for reseeded or sold as seed.

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Chief Administrative Officer

