



County of Lethbridge Policy Handbook

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SECTION: 600 NO. 612

APPROVED BY: A.S.C.

SUBJECT: Subdivision & Hamlet
Weed Notices – Vegetation
Management Weed Inspections

REVISED DATE:

The purpose of this policy is to define how blanket weed notices will be initiated.

1. Blanket weed notices will be issued annually in Hamlets and subdivisions where the Agricultural Fieldman deems them necessary.
2. Notices and covering letter along with the appeal procedure will be issued to every landowner during the month of May, listing restricted and noxious weeds, and the date the notice expires.
3. When regularly scheduled hamlet or subdivision mowing occurs, offending lots will be mowed and the charges levied against the landowner.
4. The minimum charge will be \$50.00. Charges in excess of \$50.00 will be based on current labour and equipment rates.
5. Where payment is not received the amount owing shall be placed on the taxroll as an additional tax against the land concerned.

NOTE: Attached letter, appeal notice and weed list.

SCHEDULE OF RESTRICTED AND NOXIOUS WEEDS
(From the Weed Designation Regulation)

Restricted

Red bartsia - *Odontites serotina* L.
Diffuse knapweed - *Centaurea diffusa* L.
Spotted knapweed - *Centaurea maculosa* L.
Nodding thistle - *Carduus nutans* L.
Eurasian Water Milfoil-*Myriophyllum spicatum* L.
Dodder-*Cuscuta* spp.
Yellow star-thistle-*Centaurea solstitialis* L.
Scentless Chamomile - *Matricaria maritima* L.

Noxious

Russian knapweed - *Centaurea repens* L.
Field bindweed - *Convolvulus arvensis* L.
White cockle - *Lychnis alba*
Bladder campion - *Silene cucubalus*
Hoary cress - *Cardaria* spp.
Knawel - *Scleranthus annuus* L.
Perennial sow thistle - *Sonchus arvensis* L.
Cypress spurge - *Euphorbia cyparissias* L.
Leafy spurge - *Euphorbia esula* L.
Stork's bill - *Erodium cicutarium* L.
Canada thistle - *Cirsium arvense* L.
Toadflax - *Linaria vulgaris*
Persian darnel - *Lolium persicum*

Common tansy - *Tanacetum vulgare* L.
Blue weed - *Echium vulgare* L.
Cleavers - *Galium aparine* L. and *Galium spurium*
Spreading Dogbane - *Apocynum androsaemifolium* L.
Field Scabious - *Knautia arvensis* (L.) Duby
Hound's-Tongue - *Cynoglossum officinale* L.
Oxeye Daisy - *Chrysanthemum leucanthemum* L.
Tall Buttercup - *Ranunculus acris* L.
Showy Milkweed - *Asclepias speciosa* Torr. L.
Cow Cockle - *Saponia Baccaria* L.
Baby's Breath - *Gypsophila paniculata* L.
Kochia - *Kochia scoparia* L.
Burdock - *Arctium minus* L.
Slender Peppergrass - *Lepidium densiflorum* L.

(Reprinted from the Weed Control Act)**VIOLATION**

31 An occupant of land, or if the land is unoccupied, the owner of the land, shall as often as is necessary

- (a) destroy all restricted weeds located on the land to prevent the spread, growth, ripening or scattering of the restricted weeds,
- (b) control in accordance with this Act and the regulations all noxious weeds located on the land to prevent the spread, growth, ripening or scattering of the noxious weeds, and
- (c) prevent the spread or scattering of nuisance weeds.

32 An owner or occupant of land who receives a notice under this Act shall, subject to any right of appeal given by this Act, carry out the directions contained in the notice.

APPEALS

28(1) A person who

- (a) has an interest in land as an owner or occupant, and
- (b) considers himself aggrieved by a notice that relates to the land and that is given by an inspector under section 12, 12.1 or 17(1),

may appeal to the local authority of the municipality in which that land is located by filing a notice of appeal under this section.

(2) A notice of appeal shall be in writing and shall set out

- (a) the name and address of the appellant,
- (b) a copy of the notice in respect of which the appeal is being taken,
- (c) the legal description of the land affected, and
- (d) the grounds for appeal.

(3) A notice of appeal shall be delivered personally or sent by double registered mail or certified mail to the municipal secretary, within the time specified in the notice for doing the thing required by the notice or 10 days, whichever is less.

(4) A notice of appeal shall be accompanied by a deposit in an amount prescribed by the regulations.

(5) The deposit made under subsection (4) shall be refunded if the appellant is successful in his appeal under this section or in a review under section 29.

(6) A local authority shall at least once a year appoint an independent committee to hear and determine appeals under this section and on receipt of a notice of appeal a local authority shall refer the appeal to that committee.

(7) Within 15 days from the day of receipt of a notice of appeal, the committee shall hear and determine the appeal and the committee may confirm, rescind or vary the notice that was issued.

(8) The municipal secretary shall, on determination of the appeal, send a copy of the decision together with the written reasons, if any, to the appellant by double registered mail or certified mail.

OFFENCE

38 A person who contravenes this Act or the regulations is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of not more than \$5000 and in default of payment to a term of imprisonment of not more than 60 days.

May _____, 19__

Dear Hamlet Landowner:

To carry out the most effective and efficient Weed Control Program possible, the enclosed Blanket Weed Notice has been mailed to every landowner in the Hamlets and Subdivisions.

If your yard or acreage is mowed and kept weed free, this notice is not meant for you and can be disregarded.

By issuing notices in this matter, our crew can clean up any lots that have weed problems when they are in your Hamlet or Subdivision for regularly scheduled mowing.

Please note: Due to budget restrictions, County mowers will only mow your Hamlet twice this year. Once in the mid-summer and again in early fall. Please assist us by keeping backalleys, boulevards and empty lots trimmed during the year.

The minimum charge for mowing neglected lots is \$50.00, and this charge will be assessed against the property owner.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us make your Hamlet a more desirous place to live.

Yours truly,

Agricultural Fieldman