

RED DEER COUNTY

TITLE: CONTROL OF CLUBROOT DISEASE IN CANOLA

Category: Operations / Agricultural Services

Policy x Procedure
Bylaw Guideline

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PURPOSE

To recognize that Clubroot of Canola is a serious problem and to support the principle to control the spread of Clubroot which is a pest under the Agricultural Pests Act. As well, it is the duty of the local authority to prevent the establishment of or to control or destroy pests in the municipality.

GUIDELINES/PROCEDURES

1. Random field inspections will be conducted by the Agricultural Fieldman or by any other inspectors appointed by Red Deer County.
2. The procedures to be followed by inspectors for proper sampling techniques and protocol for entering upon land will be established in accordance with provincial regulations and guidelines.
3. Positive identification of Clubroot will be confirmed by obtaining a laboratory test.
4. When land is verified positive for Clubroot, the landowner will be notified in writing with a legal notice in accordance with the Agricultural Pests Act.
5. The notice will prohibit the growth of canola, mustard or any other susceptible crop to Clubroot for a period of up to five years.
6. The owner or occupants of the land on which a notice has been issued who are disturbing the soil will be required to follow the Best Management Guidelines set out by Alberta Agriculture and Food in the Clubroot Management Plan to reduce the spread of the disease through the movement of soil and equipment.

7. A person who has an interest in the land as an owner or occupant and feels personally aggrieved by a notice issued by an inspector, under Section 21 of the Agricultural Pests Act, may appeal to the local authority of Red Deer County within 10 days of the Notice.
8. If a host crop is sown on land that has Clubroot and a notice has been issued on this property restricting the growth of host crops, the host crop shall be destroyed.
9. All adjacent landowners to the affected property will be notified that Clubroot is present.
10. Agricultural Services staff will provide information and education to landowners regarding the spread of disease.
11. This policy shall be reviewed on an annual basis by the Agricultural Services Board.