

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES

TITLE:	Grasshopper Control Policy
APPROVED BY COUNCIL:	June 27, 2007
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POLICY NO.	ASB-06
LEGAL AUTHORITY:	Agricultural Pest Act

POLICY STATEMENT

The Municipal District of Big Lakes (MD) recognizes the need to provide guidelines for authorizing and allowing landholders to have grasshoppers controlled on MD road allowance right of ways and to provide compensation for their application costs. This policy provides such guidelines.

POLICY

1. The MD will permit landholders (landowner or lessee) to perform grasshopper control on MD road allowance right of ways running adjacent to their lands.
2. The MD will compensate landholders for the application of commercial grasshopper control bran bait (control product) on the MD road allowance provided it is performed in accordance to label directions.
3. The landholder will be eligible for compensation at rate of \$20 per half mile (800 meters) on the MD road allowance ditch directly adjacent to their lands. The opposite side road allowance ditch can also be treated and is eligible for compensation provided he obtains written permission from the neighboring landholder.
4. Landholders will be eligible for compensation provided the control product application period falls between May 15th and August 15th of the current calendar year.
5. Landholders individually will be limited to a compensation amount that will not exceed \$500 for any calendar year.
6. Compensation will be paid to the landholder between August 15th and November 30th in the same calendar year to which the control product was applied.
7. The MD requires proof of purchase of the control product and a map showing the road application areas before the landholder is eligible for compensation.
8. The MD reserves the right to perform an inspection to verify that the landholder has met the conditions for compensation.
9. Failure to meet the above conditions may result in the landholder being disqualified from receiving compensation.

10. For compensation the landholder may in lieu of monetary reimbursement opt for a credit towards equipment rental.
11. No compensation will be awarded if the compensation amount is less than \$20.

Multiple Applications and Compensation

1. The MD recognizes that due to the biology of grasshoppers and weather related occurrences that additional grasshopper control product applications may be required on the same road allowance sections during the same growing season. Additional compensation will be paid at the same rate as the first application with the combined compensation limited to a maximum of \$40 per half mile.

Rental Equipment Compensation

1. The MD will also compensate the landholder for their rental application equipment costs in the amount equivalent to one day's rental. Payment to be forwarded as per the same compensation conditions outlined previously in this policy.

Requests for Service—Municipal Public Lands

1. The MD will accept written requests to perform grasshopper control on MD road allowance ditches or licensed drainage ditches adjacent to landholder that has submitted a written request. The expense for this control work will be at the MD's expense. Requests will be honored under the following conditions.
 - a.) The grasshopper count exceeds 40 per square meter.
 - b.) Suitable weather exists.
 - c.) The written request is received between May 15 and August 15 of the current calendar year.

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Chief Administrative Officer