



**POLICY 2.1
CLUBROOT OF CANOLA**

Department: Agricultural Services

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Council Res. No: 210/03/27/18

PURPOSE:

To ensure that Clubroot of Canola establishment is prevented under the *Agricultural Pest Act* of Alberta (R.S.A. 2000, Chapter A-8) and the *Agricultural Pest Regulation* (184/2001)

SCOPE:

Northern Sunrise County recognizes that Clubroot of Canola is a pest under the *Agricultural Pest Act* of Alberta. Northern Sunrise County further recognizes that it is beneficial to the County to clearly define actions that are required to prevent the establishment of Clubroot of Canola, for the protection of agricultural productivity.

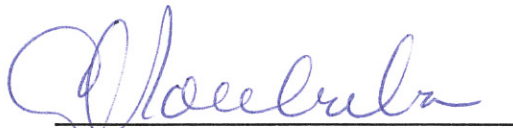
DEFINITIONS:

For the purposes of this Policy, the following definitions shall apply:

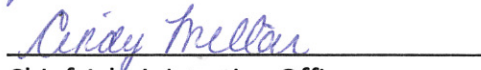
- a. *Agricultural Pest Act* - the *Agricultural Pest Act of Alberta (R.S.A. 2000, Chapter A-8)* and the *Agricultural Pest Regulation (184/2001)* including any amendments or successor legislation thereto.
- b. Control - to destroy or manage the disease as deemed acceptable by the Pest Inspector and this Policy.
- c. Infestation - any property containing Clubroot of Canola.
- d. Notice – a “Notice to Control Pests” is a legally binding document demanding compliance by a specified deadline, and outlining acceptable Clubroot control options.
- e. Pest Inspector - Inspector appointed by Northern Sunrise County or by the Minister to carry out the *Agricultural Pest Act* and the regulations
- f. Reported Field - any field for which a complaint is received as having any symptoms or signs of Clubroot of Canola.

POLICY:

1. The Pest Inspector shall attempt to conduct a pest inspection on all Reported Fields within 3 working days of receipt of the report/complaint.
2. Infestation complaints may be submitted, verbally or in writing, to the Agricultural Services department. The complainant's name shall not be released unless so demanded by a court of law.
3. The Pest Inspector shall issue Notices as per the I.N.S.P.E.C.T. Pest Matrix and County procedures when a lab test confirms the infestation as Clubroot of Canola.
4. The Pest Inspectors shall attempt to contact landowners at the residence of occupied properties. Notices shall be delivered as *per the Agricultural Pest Act*.
5. The County will:
 - i) Maintain information as handouts and annually print info in the County newsletter.
 - ii) Inform County based Seed Outlets of our County policy and concerns and request that all seed preferably not be brought into the area from infested areas.
 - iii) Keep A.S.B. members and County staff as ambassadors to refer County residents to information on Clubroot of Canola.
 - iv) Conduct an annual inspection and enforcement as per Agricultural Services Department procedure 2.1.
 - v) Advocate to producers to use a clubroot resistant canola variety and to use a 1 in 4 year crop rotation.



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