



**Department:** Agricultural Services

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**Rescinds:** 117/02/14/12

**Council Res. No:** 854/12/11/18

**PURPOSE:**

To ensure that contractors and/or staff use an appropriate seed mixture that complies with the *Weed Control Act* and the *Agricultural Pest Act*.

**SCOPE:**

Roadside and drainage ditches constructed become prone to erosion if left bare of vegetation for even a short period of time. Since weed control and soil conservation are important to Northern Sunrise County, all ditches affected by construction must be seeded with grass species.

**DEFINITIONS:**

***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.

**Department**

Agricultural Services

***Weed Control Act***

The *Weed Control Act of Alberta* (S.A. 2008 Chapter W-5.1) and the *Weed Control Regulation* (19/2010) including any amendments or successor legislation thereto.

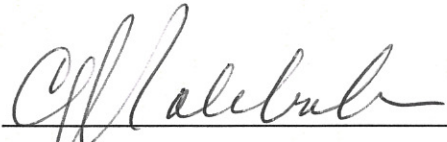
**GUIDELINES:**

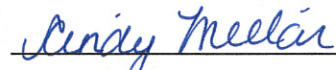
The County will seed all newly-constructed road allowances, rebuilt road allowances, or licensed ditches, which are under the jurisdiction of the County, unless this function is included in a construction tender.

The Department shall request a copy of the weed seed analysis and a *Fusarium Graminearum* test for all seed purchased by the County to comply with the *Weed Control Act* and the *Agricultural Pest Act*.

Fescue, timothy, crested wheat grass or brome grasses can be used to seed any ditch. At least two species and preferably three should be included in the seeding mixture with an attempt made to select shorter growing varieties. It is recommended that fescue species make up approximately 50% of the mixture. No legume seed (such as clovers) shall be used in the seed mixture. Where dictated by provincial government policy, contractors may use native grasses to seed road side ditches. Barley, wheat, oats or rye may be used as a companion crop.

Any contractor seeding grass in Northern Sunrise County shall provide the Department with a copy of the weed analysis, a Fusarium Graminearum test and a list of each type of seed being used prior to the seeding being done.

  
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Chief Administrative Officer