

# **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/SCOPE**

1. 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 and may be issued a legal Notice to Control Pests 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, considerations may be given for the use of resistant varieties.
6. The owner or occupants of the land on which a notice has been issued will be required to follow the Best Management Guidelines set out by Alberta Agriculture in the Alberta Clubroot Management Plan.

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 may be destroyed.
9. Once a notice has been issued, 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.