

COUNTY OF FORTY MILE NO. 8

HANDBOOK

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RESOL. NO. 61/09

MOVED approval of the following Clubroot Policy:

OBJECTIVE: TO PREVENT THE ESTABLISHMENT AND SPREAD OF CLUBROOT WITHIN THE COUNTY OF FORTY MILE NO. 8 AND PERFORM ENFORCEMENT AS REQUIRED BY THE AGRICULTURAL PESTS ACT.

1. Random field inspections will be performed by inspectors appointed by the County of Forty Mile No. 8 under the Agricultural Pests Act.
2. Inspectors shall receive the necessary training required to properly identify Clubroot of Canola, Mustard or other cruciferous crops.
3. When the inspector is of the opinion that a field is infested with Clubroot a sample shall be sent for a laboratory test.
4. Upon laboratory confirmation of Clubroot infesting a field, the inspector shall issue Form 2 – *Notice to Control Pests* pursuant to Schedule 1 of the Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation.
5. The *Notice to Control Pests* shall include the following requirements:
 - i) Landowner must follow the Clubroot Management Plan developed by Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development,
 - ii) Landowner shall not plant or allow to be planted Canola, Mustard or other cruciferous crops for four (4) growing seasons from the issuance of the notice.
 - iii) Landowner must follow proper sanitation practices as outlined in the Management Plan.
6. The landowner may appeal the *Notice to Control Pests* to the Municipal Secretary within 10 days of the issuance of the notice.
7. If the Agricultural Fieldman is of the opinion that a landowner is not complying with the *Notice to Control Pests* and has planted Canola, Mustard, or other cruciferous crop within the four growing season period of the *Notice* being issued, then, the Agricultural Fieldman shall re-issue the *Notice to Control Pests* with the following stipulations:

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- i) Landowner must destroy the crop by tillage, chemical or other means within 14 days of issuance of the notice.
 - ii) Landowner shall not plant, or allow to be planted, Canola, Mustard or other cruciferous crops for the remainder of the period set out in the original notice.
8. Failure to comply with the *Notice to Control Pests* shall result in the Agricultural Fieldman destroying the Canola, Mustard or other cruciferous crop identified in the *Notice*, using methods described in the *Notice* and consistent with good agricultural practices.
9. All landowners and tenants adjacent to the lands infested with Clubroot shall be notified of the pest.
10. County rental equipment will not be rented for use on land that has tested positive for Clubroot within the previous four years.