

Municipal District of Mackenzie No. 23

Title	AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD PEST CONTROL	Policy No:	ASB014
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Purpose

To protect land within the municipality from the negative impacts of pests (weeds, insects and diseases).

Policy Statement and Guidelines

Agricultural pests create burdens to the productivity of land.

The Agricultural Service Board has a duty to advise on and to help organize and direct pest control programs. Consideration is given to the potential impact of a pest on both agricultural production, the environment, and the economic situation of the producers.

Definitions

1. For the purposes of pest and weed control, definitions are as follows:
 - "restricted", "noxious", and "nuisance" weeds, as defined in the Weed Control Act, and
 - "pests" and "nuisances", as defined in the Agricultural Pests Act.

Education and Awareness

Emphasis is placed on education and awareness of pests and control options, particularly for new and emerging agricultural pest problems.

Specific responsibilities are assigned as follows:

- ASB members shall communicate with the municipal farm community and determine program direction,
- Crop Specialists shall determine control options,
- Agricultural Fieldman shall develop awareness of programs and issues, and
- Inspectors shall monitor fields and initiate contacts with producers.

Road Allowances

1. Landowners are responsible for spraying grasshoppers up to the centerline of the road allowance adjacent to their property.
2. Excepting item 1., when a landowner is spraying his own property and sprays the

road allowance adjacent to the property, he will be reimbursed for spraying the road allowance to a maximum of \$50 per half mile and not exceeding two claims each year.

Enforcement

1. Enforcement of pest and weed control will be on a complaint basis and after the Agricultural Fieldman or designate has assessed the complaint to be valid.
2. The Agricultural Fieldman or designate is authorized to enforce weed control for noxious weeds on a visual basis as he notices them during his regular course of work.
3. The Agricultural Fieldman or designate is authorized to exercise zero tolerance for restricted weeds on a visual basis as he notices them during his regular course of work.

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