

COUNTY OF BARRHEAD NO. 11

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Policy Statement

The municipality will carry out a brush control program and weed control program on an annual basis to maintain safe roadsides for the traveling public and to control and prevent the spread of noxious and restrictive weeds on municipal road rights-of-way and municipally owned lands.

The municipality encourages landowners to assist in the control of brush and weeds on municipal road rights-of-way.

It is understood that Certified Organic Growers may not consider the ditch area within a municipal road right-of-way to be part of their buffer zone.

Procedure**1. Municipal Road Rights-of-Way and Municipally Owned Lands**

- a) The municipality shall control and prevent the spread of noxious and restricted weeds as defined by the Weed Control Act and regulations thereto, and as may be defined by Municipal By-Laws from time to time, on municipal road rights-of-way and municipally owned lands.
- b) The municipality shall control all brush growth and noxious and restrictive weeds on municipal road rights-of-way and municipally owned lands on a continuing basis.
- c) The method for brush control and for the control and prevention of the spread of noxious and restrictive weeds on municipal road rights-of-way and municipally owned lands shall be determined by the Agricultural Fieldman.
- d) In the event of a landowner requesting the municipality not to use a pesticide for brush and weed control on a local road right-of-way adjacent to his/her property,

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- i) The landowner must enter into an agreement with the municipality wherein:
- the landowner shall be responsible for the brush control and control of all noxious and restrictive weed growth on the local road rights-of-way adjacent to his/her property by July 15th of each and every year the agreement is in effect, and
 - the landowner agrees that the municipality reserves the right at any time throughout the duration of the agreement to control all noxious and restrictive weeds as listed within the agreement on municipal road rights-of-way, as deemed necessary by the municipality.
- ii) The agreement referred to in this section shall terminate
- on the date the private land is transferred to a new owner, or
 - fifteen days from the date of the landowner providing written notice to the municipality of their intent to terminate the agreement, or
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- iii) The landowner must obtain the necessary 'No Spray' signs from the municipality and must post the signs in accordance with the guidelines set out by the municipality.
- e) At the discretion of Agricultural Fieldman, the municipality may provide a landowner with equipment and/or pesticide to assist the municipality in carrying out brush and weed control on the municipal road rights-of-way adjacent to the landowner's property.

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2. Private Land

- a) The municipality may instruct landowners on procedures for weed control and for the prevention of the spread of weeds on private land.
- b) Upon request by a landowner, the municipality may carry out brush and/or weed control on private land.
- c) All brush and/or weed control carried out by the municipality shall be at the discretion of the Agricultural Fieldman.
- d) The landowner must enter into a Hold Harmless agreement with the municipality prior to any brush and/or weed control being done on the private land.
- e) The landowner shall pay all costs as determined by the municipality for the brush and/or weed control done on the private land.
- f) The municipality reserves the right to refuse to do any brush and/or weed control on private land.