

## **WEED CONTROL POLICY**

Subject: Weed Control

Ref: ASB

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The County of Northern Lights

believes in providing control measures for Prohibited Noxious and  
Noxious weeds within the County boundaries as identified by the  
Provincial Weed Control Act.

The County believes by working in conjunction with provincial  
government, industries and ratepayers we can all reduce the  
environmental, economic and aesthetic impacts these weeds pose.

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Chief Elected Official

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Chief Administrative Officer

## **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To administer, recognize, and minimize/eradicate the impacts caused by prohibited noxious and noxious weeds.
- 1.2 Bring education and awareness to businesses and residents within the County to minimize these impacts.
- 1.3 Be a leader as the County of Northern Lights to minimize and or eradicate weeds from the County to reduce negative impact caused by weeds und the Weed Control Act (WCA) of Alberta.

## **2.0 AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 2.1 Provide direction, supervision and resources to the Agricultural Fieldman for this providing this policy.
- 2.2 Maintain a fleet of equipment and staff to adequately inspect the County. The County will employ a minimum of a Full Agricultural Fieldman and 2 summer staff to inspect the County the provide control measures.
- 2.3 Act as the appeal board in the event of a Weed Notice Appeal and support the Agricultural Fieldman when reasonable to do so.

## **3.0 AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 3.1 Act as the appointed Weed Inspector for the County under the Weed Control Act, under Section 7.
- 3.2 Supervise, direct and be responsible for other Council appointed municipal Weed Inspectors under WCA section 10.
- 3.3 Responsible for the issuance and enforcement of a Notice under the Weed Control Act.

## **4.0 WEED INSPECTOR RESPONSIBILITY**

- 4.1 Follow the Weed Inspection Procedures as determined by the Agricultural Fieldman.
- 4.2 Patrol the County inspecting for prohibited noxious and noxious weed within County property and right of ways, industrial complex, fields, railways, rail yard, green zone, oilfield leases, water ways and other areas. Areas with known existing infestations and owners with negative history's will be prioritized.
- 4.3 Understand the Weed Control Act, in particular Part 3 Inspectors Powers and Notices.

## **5.0 ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES**

- 5.1 All prohibited noxious weeds must be destroyed and all noxious weeds must be controlled, under sections 2 and 3, of the Alberta Pest Act.

## **6.0 NOTIFICATION OF INFESTATION**

- 6.1 A Weed Notice will be issued to the Landowner/Occupant only upon the confirmation of prohibited noxious and or noxious weeds.
- 6.2 The Notice to Control Pests may include the following restrictions: Chemical, mechanical, biological, and cultural controls.

## **7.0 RECOVERY OF EXPENSES**

- 7.1 Non-compliance of a Weed Notice will result in the recovery of all expenses to the County during enforcement under Part 5, section 28 and 29 of the Weed Control Act.