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**Purpose:**

To advise landowners or occupants of the Agricultural Service Board's roadside vegetation, weed control protocol, and to provide by way of this agreement, a method of recording all land locations that will be exempt from chemical control.

**Authority:**

Weeds and invasive plants are regulated under the provincial *Weed Control Act*. Under the *Agricultural Service Board Act*, the Agricultural Service Board has the responsibility to advise, organize and direct weed control. Under Section 532 of the *Municipal Government Act*, Camrose County is required to maintain its roads in a reasonable state of repair or risk being held liable for any damages if found in non-compliance.

**Definitions:**

- "Landowner" means any person registered under the Land Titles Act as the owner, or a person who is in lawful possession of the property or who has the right to exercise control over the property.
- "Occupant" means any person occupying or exercising control or having the right to occupy or exercise control over the land.
- "Vegetation" means woody plant species, including shrubs and trees of all age classifications.

**Policy Statements:**

1. The Agricultural Fieldman will yearly, three (3) weeks before June 1, advertise in all local papers that spraying is about to begin, and those with objections should get in touch with the Agricultural Services office.
2. Those ratepayers who request spraying not be done on land adjacent to their property will complete the AGREEMENT FOR RESTRICTED USE OF HERBICIDE FOR BRUSH AND WEED CONTROL IN SENSITIVE AREAS in the format as approved by the Agricultural Service Board.
3. It shall be the responsibility of the landowner or occupant to purchase, erect and maintain signs indicating that this is an environmentally sensitive area and spraying should not be done.
4. The Agricultural Services Office will have these signs available and they must be purchased through the Agricultural Service Board.

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5. Should the landowner or occupant request spraying not be done on roadsides adjacent to their property, the landowner or occupant assumes the responsibility to control the prohibited noxious weeds, noxious weeds, vegetation, or brush within the area.

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AGREEMENT  
FOR RESTRICTED USE OF HERBICIDE FOR BRUSH AND WEED CONTROL  
IN SENSITIVE AREAS

BETWEEN: Camrose County

- and -

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LANDOWNER/TENANT

Camrose County Agricultural Service Board recognizes that certain landowners/tenants are not in favor of brush and weed spraying with herbicides within public road allowances and on other public lands bordering upon their property.

In light of requests by landowners/tenants that they would be interested in brush/weed control on public lands bordering upon their property, the following guidelines will be followed:

Camrose County Responsibilities and Program Guidelines

- To provide by way of this agreement, a method of recording all land locations that will be exempt from spraying.
- Recorded land locations will be observed by Camrose County spray crews as "Spraying Exempt Areas", but Camrose County will not be responsible for other vegetation control companies hired by outside sources (i.e. Trans Alta Utilities) spraying in these areas.
- If inadequate control measures are taking place by the landowner/tenant, they will be contacted by the Agricultural Fieldman or Manager of Public Works to remind them of our agreement.
- Landowners/tenant will be given 10 working days to remedy the problem, and if control has not taken place in this period, Camrose County will remedy this brush problem by way of herbicide application.
- Shall advertise annually by way of local newspapers that brush/weed spraying with herbicides will be undertaken along County roads.

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- Advertising take place over a period of three consecutive weeks prior to commencement of spraying. (i.e. three weeks prior to June 1st of each year).
- Agreements will only be accepted prior to June 1st of each year.
  - Brush shall be considered controlled if: it is mowed or mechanically removed or controlled by any method so as not to pose a problem to the efficient flow of traffic or to the maintenance of the roadway.
- Weeds shall be considered controlled if: vegetative growth is mechanically removed or they are managed so as to prevent seed set or vegetative propagation.
- Reserves the right to refuse to enter into this agreement with any landowner/tenant.
- Shall make this agreement available on a yearly basis with the landowner/tenant.

#### LANDOWNER/TENANT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Shall sign and deliver to the Agricultural Fieldman, a copy of this agreement before June 1st of each year.
- Agree to control all brush/weeds to the satisfaction of the Agricultural Fieldman and the Manager of Public Works.
- Agree that if the landowner/tenant cannot meet the commitments of good brush/weed control, will let the Agricultural Service Board staff spray the brush/weeds with herbicides as required.
- Agree to advise the Agricultural Fieldman if the location of the Spraying Exempt Areas change from year to year.

NOW THEREFORE in consideration of the aforementioned conditions and the environmental benefits perceived by me, by the non-application of herbicides to municipal ditches, I, \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned agree to abide by all the aforementioned conditions on this form. I agree 55/75 - Amended May 15/86, May 19/88 & May 20/93

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that I will control all brush/weeds in the locations listed below to the satisfaction of the Agricultural Fieldman and the Manager of Public Works. I further agree that if I am unable to meet these requirements, I will allow the Camrose County to treat these roadsides with herbicide in their usual manner. I further realize that the Camrose County may refuse to enter into this agreement with me in future years if I do not meet the terms and conditions of this agreement.

This agreement becomes null and void on the first day of November this year, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

Land Locations:

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COUNTY AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN

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WITNESS

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LANDOWNER/TENANT

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WITNESS