



M.D. OF PINCHER CREEK NO. 9

CORPORATE POLICY

C-AES-004

TITLE: WEED CONTROL POLICY

Approved by Council

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RELATED LEGISLATION:

Federal Pest Control Products Act

Alberta Agricultural Service Board Act

Alberta Weed Control Act

Alberta Environmental Protection & Enhancement Act

PURPOSE OF POLICY:

To promote and enforce the *Weed Control Act* of Alberta (R.S.A. 2008, Chapter W – 5.1) and Weed Control Regulation (19/2010), specifically those parts that specify that Prohibited Noxious Weeds are to be eradicated and Noxious Weeds are to be controlled.

BACKGROUND

The Agricultural and Environmental Services Department (herein after referred to as AES) is responsible for developing and delivering an effective weed control program in the Municipal District (MD) of Pincher Creek. This will be accomplished by following the guidelines and recommendations of the *Alberta Weed Control Act*, the *Alberta Agricultural Service Board Act*, and the *Alberta Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*.

AES is responsible for weed control on all municipally owned or controlled lands such as developed and undeveloped Right of Ways, owned or leased Gravel Pits, MD owned or leased land and MD Reserve Lands (Environmental, Conservation, Community Services, Municipal, School and Municipal and School), as designated by Municipal Council.

AES staff will conduct a weed inspection and enforcement program on private land, Crown land, transportation corridors, and industrial sites. In all cases, the landowner is responsible for weed

control, with any control measures taken by AES staff on these lands being done at the discretion of the Agricultural Fieldman and , as well as according to Policy C-AES-601B, on a cost recovery basis, or charged at MD rates established by council.

Objectives:

The Weed Control Program's Objectives are to:

- Protect the agricultural productivity of land.
- Prevent the introduction and spread of Prohibited Noxious and Noxious weeds as outlined in the *Alberta Weed Control Act*.
- Eradicate Prohibited Noxious weeds as outlined in the *Alberta Weed Control Act*.
- Control Noxious weeds as outlined in the *Alberta Weed Control Act*

Legislated Responsibilities: The Agricultural Fieldman (supervisor), Assistant Agricultural Fieldman, Weed Inspectors, and Roadside Spray Crews will work together to carry out the following:

- Eradicate, or cause to be eradicated, any Prohibited Noxious weeds as outlined under the *Alberta Weed Control Act* or local Municipal Bylaw. Council may designate some or all of these species as Eradicable Weeds from year to year at their discretion.
- Control, or cause to be controlled, any Noxious weeds as outlined under the *Alberta Weed Control Act* or local Municipal Bylaw. Council may designate certain Noxious and/or other weed species as priority concerns or Eradicable Weeds from year to year at their discretion.
- Properly document and map all weed infestations and activities. Pesticide applicator files must be kept for ALL applications.

Other Responsibilities:

- For the control of Prohibited Noxious and Noxious weeds on small acreage areas, premixed herbicides are available on a cost recovery basis at the discretion of the Agricultural Fieldman.
- Promote education and awareness of proper chemical, mechanical, biological, cultural and integrated weed management techniques.
- Demonstrate weed identification techniques.
- Work in cooperation with neighboring jurisdictions to promote and encourage weed control outside our municipal boundaries (for example; Crowsnest Pass).
- Work in cooperation with industry to develop an effective weed control strategy both within and beyond our municipal boundaries.
- Work in cooperation with Alberta Agriculture & Irrigation and Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada research scientists to provide local plots for weed and herbicide demonstrations, as well as technology transfer.

- Provide recommendations for grass seed mixes to reclaim bare ground or disturbed areas, insisting upon and promoting a good seed mix and a Certificate of Seed Analysis.
- Conduct regular inspections of the local Seed Cleaning Plant.



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