
TITLE: ERADICABLE WEED CONTROL POLICY

Approved by Council:

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Purpose:

To maintain an excellent working relationship with the ratepayers, landowners and leaseholders of the municipality.

Objectives:

To use municipal resources to establish a program that at the discretion of the Municipal Council, the Agricultural Service Board and the Agricultural Fieldman, can aid private landowners in the eradication and maintenance of Prohibited Noxious Weeds, as listed in the *Alberta Weed Control Act*, and of certain Noxious Weeds (appendix A) as determined possible by the above authorities. Only infestations small enough to be considered eradicable, are eligible for this program. Policy is to be reviewed on a minimum biannual basis with the intentions of;

- 1) Bringing as many Invasive Species as possible to the level of potential eradication
- 2) Keeping the cost to ratepayers at the most reasonable level possible
- 3) Provide for a higher level of involvement among all stakeholders

Basis:

Eradication can only be achieved with full cooperation from all stakeholders. It isn't possible for the municipality to inspect all land in the municipality, nor is that the most effective way of doing it. With a clear and effective policy of cooperation, as set out by the enforcing authorities the Province and the Municipal District of Pincher Creek, all involved can work cooperatively to protect our lands from these Invasive Species.

Legal Requirements:

As mentioned in Policy C-AES-004.

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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

Related Policy:

C-AES-002 – Landowners Assuming Responsibility for Weed Control on Municipal Right-of-Ways (ROW) Adjacent to Their Property

C-AES-004 – Weed Control Policy

C-AES-003 – Weed Free Gravel Policy

C-AES-004B APPENDIX A: Weeds to be considered under this policy

1) All Prohibited Noxious Weeds (as listed in the *Alberta Weed Control Act*)

The following plants are designated as prohibited noxious weeds in Alberta:

1. autumn olive — *Elaeagnus umbellata* Thunberg
2. balsam, Himalayan — *Impatiens glandulifera* Royle
3. barberry, common — *Berberis vulgaris* L.
4. bartsia, red — *Odontites vernus* (Bellardi) Dumortier ssp. *serotinus* (Dumortier) Corbière
5. buckthorn, common — *Rhamnus cathartica* L.
6. cinquefoil, sulphur — *Potentilla recta* L.
7. crupina, common — *Crupina vulgaris* Persoon ex Cassini
8. dyer's woad — *Isatis tinctoria* L.
9. Eurasian water milfoil — *Myriophyllum spicatum* L.
10. flowering rush — *Butomus umbellatus* L.
11. garlic mustard — *Alliaria petiolata* (M. Bieberstein) Cavara & Grande
12. goatgrass, jointed — *Aegilops cylindrica* Host
13. hawkweed, meadow — *Hieracium caespitosum* Dumortier
14. hawkweed, mouse-ear — *Hieracium pilosella* L.
15. hawkweed, orange — *Hieracium aurantiacum* L.
16. hoary alyssum — *Berteroa incana* (L.) DC.
17. hogweed, giant — *Heracleum mantegazzianum* Sommier & Levier
18. iris, pale yellow — *Iris pseudacorus* L.
19. knapweed, bighead — *Centaurea macrocephala* Puschkarew ex Willdenow
20. knapweed, black — *Centaurea nigra* L.
21. knapweed, brown — *Centaurea jacea* L.
22. knapweed, diffuse — *Centaurea diffusa* Lamarck
23. knapweed, hybrid — *Centaurea* × *psammogena* Gáyer
24. knapweed, meadow — *Centaurea* × *moncktonii* C. E. Britton
25. knapweed, Russian — *Acroptilon repens* (L.) DC.
26. knapweed, spotted — *Centaurea stoebe* L. ssp. *micranthos* (Gugler) Hayek
27. knapweed, squarrose — *Centaurea virgata* Lam. ssp. *squarrosa* (Boissier) Gugler
28. knapweed, Tyrol — *Centaurea nigrescens* Willdenow
29. knotweed, giant — *Fallopia sachalinensis* (F. Schmidt) Ronse Decraene
30. knotweed, hybrid Japanese — *Fallopia* × *bohemica* (Chrték & Chrtková) J. P. Bailey
31. knotweed, Japanese — *Fallopia japonica* (Houttuyn) Ronse Decraene
32. loosestrife, purple — *Lythrum salicaria* L.
33. medusahead — *Taeniatherum caput-medusae* (L.) Nevski
34. nutsedge, yellow — *Cyperus esculentus* L.
35. puncturevine — *Tribulus terrestris* L.
36. ragwort, tansy — *Senecio jacobaea* L.
37. rush skeletonweed — *Chondrilla juncea* L.
38. saltcedar — *Tamarix ramosissima* Ledebour
39. saltlover — *Halogeton glomeratus* (M. Bieberstein) C.A. Mey.
40. St John's-wort, common — *Hypericum perforatum* L.
41. starthistle, yellow — *Centaurea solstitialis* L.
42. tamarisk, Chinese — *Tamarix chinensis* de Loureiro
43. tamarisk, smallflower — *Tamarix parviflora* DC.
44. thistle, marsh — *Cirsium palustre* (L.) Scopoli
45. thistle, nodding — *Carduus nutans* L.
46. thistle, plumeless — *Carduus acanthoides* L.

2) Noxious Weeds determined to be eradicable in the MD of Pincher Creek, as of 2019

- Scentless Chamomile – *Tripleurospermum perforatum* syn. *T. inodorum*
- Field Scabious – *Knautia arvensis*