

Policy statement

As a requirement under the Province of Alberta *Agricultural Pests Act* Section 6 “a local authority of a municipality shall take active measures to prevent the establishment of, or to control or destroy, pests in the municipality”.

Definitions

Regulation means *Pest and Nuisance Control Regulation* (amended) 184/2001, Province of Alberta *Agricultural Pests Act*.

Inspector means a person appointed as an inspector, including an inspector by virtue of office, under Section 9 of the Province of Alberta *Agricultural Pests Act*.

Owner as defined by the Province of Alberta *Agricultural Pests Act* means

- (i) in the case of land, a person who is registered under the *Land Titles Act* as the owner of land, or
- (ii) in the case of personal property, a person who is in lawful possession of it or who has the right to exercise control over it.

Property means personal property and includes vegetation but does not include livestock.

Pest means an animal, bird, insect, plant, or disease declared to be a pest in accordance with Section 2 of the Province of Alberta *Agricultural Pests Act*.

Policy authority

Legislative implications:

- Province of Alberta *Agricultural Pests Act* and *Regulation*
- *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*

Policy standards

1. Conduct inspections in accordance with relevant legislation.
2. The detection of a declared pest on property or livestock will be identified and the relevant information will be transferred to the property owner and/or producer on an ongoing basis.
3. When necessary, issue notices and undertake enforcement procedures as specified by the Province of Alberta *Agricultural Pests Act*.
4. All pest investigations will be undertaken in accordance with the guidelines in the Pest Control Safe Practices and Administrative Procedures.

Policy responsibilities

Council responsibilities:

Council will,

- Approve the Agricultural Pests Enforcement Obligations Policy.

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- Appoint an independent Committee annually to hear and determine appeals received by the municipality against notices issued by an inspector under the Province of Alberta *Agricultural Pests Act*.
- Appoint inspectors under the Province of Alberta *Agricultural Pests Act* as required to conduct pest inspections within the municipality.

Administration responsibilities:

Administration will,

- Ensure compliance with all current legislated requirements and municipal policies.
- Implement and maintain inspection and enforcement procedures in reference to pests and nuisances.
- Provide training and support for inspectors.

Inspectors will,

- Adhere to the Pest Control Safe Practices and Administrative Procedures and enforcement procedures as specified by the Province of Alberta *Agricultural Pests Act*.
- Deliver services and documentation relating to the inspection for the presence of pests.
- Provide recommendations to producers and property owners for the effective management of pests in a timely manner.
- Issue a notice when non-compliance in accordance with the Province of Alberta *Agricultural Pests Act* is determined.

Monitoring and updating

- This policy will be posted on Leduc County's website.
- This policy will be reviewed at least once every four years.