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| Department: Agricultural Services | Section: VM – Vegetation Management |
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VM-01 Vegetation Management in Leduc County Road Right-of-Way and Controlled Lands

Policy Statement

Leduc County will act in accordance with its legislated responsibilities under the *Alberta Weed Control Act* by providing a program to eliminate the growth of prohibited noxious weeds and control the growth of undesired vegetation in county road right-of-ways as well as on county controlled lands.

Definitions

- *Noxious weed* means a plant designated in accordance with the *Weed Control Act and Regulations* as a noxious weed and includes the plant's seeds.
- *Prohibited noxious weed* means a plant designated in accordance with the *Weed Control Act and Regulations* as a prohibited noxious weed and includes the plant's seeds.

Policy Authority

Vegetation management in Leduc County right-of-ways and controlled lands will be accomplished in accordance under the following authorities:

- Alberta Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*
- Alberta Weed Control Act and Regulation*
- Alberta Environment Pesticide Service Registration – Industrial Approval
- Pest Management Regulatory Agency – Health Canada under the *Pest Control Products Act Standards*
- Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*

Vegetation Management in Leduc County Road Right-of-Way and Controlled Lands Standards

- Effective weed control on Leduc County controlled lands throughout the growing season.
- Carry out responsible herbicide application according the product label and by exclusively using herbicides registered through the Pest Management Regulatory Agency.
- Herbicide applications will only be performed by certified pesticide applicators, authorized assistants or assistants.

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Policy Responsibilities

1. Council responsibilities

Council shall:

- Approve the Vegetation Management in Leduc County Road Right-of-Way and Controlled Lands Policy.

2. Administration responsibilities

Department directors and managers shall:

- Review this policy as required, to ensure that the policy complies with all current, relevant legislation and municipal policies.
- Implement various integrated programs to maintain Leduc County road right-of-way and Leduc County controlled lands free of prohibited noxious weeds, noxious weeds and other unwanted vegetation.
- Provide training to employees to become authorized assistants to apply herbicides as specified under the *Alberta Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act and Regulation*.

Monitoring & Updating

This policy will be reviewed annually.

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