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VM-02 Mowing in a Leduc County Road Right-of-Way and Controlled Lands

Policy Statement

Leduc County will maintain an integrated vegetation management program to control the growth of noxious weeds and other unwanted vegetation on county owned right-of-ways and on county controlled lands to enhance visibility and driver safety along high-use roads that are the responsibility of Leduc County and improve aesthetics of county controlled lands on and around subdivisions and hamlets.

Definitions

- *Noxious weed* means a plant designated in accordance with the *Weed Control Act and Regulations* as a noxious weed and includes its seeds.
- *Integrated vegetation management* means a systematic decision-making process that uses multiple methods of control to prevent unwanted plant species from becoming a problem.

Policy Authority

Legislative and policy implications

- All mowing operations will be undertaken in accordance with:
 - the *Weed Control Act and Regulations*
- All mowing operations will be undertaken in accordance with an Integrated Vegetation Management Program and Administrative Procedures.

Mowing in a Leduc County Road Right-of-Way and Controlled Lands Standards

- All hard topped roads that are county controlled will have their right-of-ways and reserves rough-cut mowed at least twice in a season, weather permitting. The full right-of-ways will be mowed at least once in a season.
- All subdivisions owned by the county will have their right-of-ways and reserves rough-cut mowed at least twice in a season, weather permitting. Municipal reserve lands which have been leased are exempt from this mowing, provided the reserves are maintained in accordance to the terms of the lease agreement.
- All roads within the Nisku Industrial Park will have their right-of-ways rough-cut mowed at least twice in a season, weather permitting.
- Select gravel roads (Genesee By-pass Road and Tower Road) will have their right-of-ways rough-cut mowed at least once in a season.
- County controlled lagoons and transfer stations will be rough-cut mowed at least twice in a season, weather permitting.

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- (f) Other right-of-ways may be rough-cut mowed at the request of council or at the discretion of the foreman for Agricultural Services for special community events such as the Leduc West Antique Society annual exposition.
- (g) Other right-of-ways may be rough-cut mowed at the request of public works for snow drift control or for sightline issues.
- (h) Other right-of-ways and reserves may be rough-cut mowed at the discretion of the foreman for Agricultural Services.

Policy Responsibilities

1. Council responsibilities

Council shall:

- Approve the Mowing in a 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 policy and administrative procedures in reference to Leduc County property.
- Provide training and support for staff.

Monitoring & Updating

This policy will be reviewed annually.

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