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VM-03 Fenceline Spraying

Policy Statement

Leduc County will act in accordance with its legislated responsibilities under the *Alberta Weed Control Act* and shall provide a program to assist Leduc County property owners in control of prohibited noxious weeds and noxious weeds along private fencelines/headlands at no charge adjacent to municipal roads and along internal fencelines/headlands that are not adjacent to municipal roads at a charge for service.

Definitions

- *Noxious weed* means a plant designated in accordance with the *Alberta 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 *Alberta Weed Control Act and Regulations* as a prohibited noxious weed and includes its seeds.
- *Property owner* is the person responsible for a property who:
 - is the legal owner of it,
 - has lawful possession of it, or
 - has the right to exercise control over it.

Policy Authority

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

Fenceline Spraying Standards

Effectively reduce the spread of prohibited noxious weeds and noxious weeds in difficult to manage areas. Leduc County herbicide applications will be performed by recognized certified pesticide applicators, authorized assistants or assistants.

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Policy Responsibilities**1. Council responsibilities**

Council shall:

- Approve the Fenceline Spraying 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 reduce the spread of prohibited noxious weeds and noxious weeds in difficult to manage areas surrounding agricultural land.
- Provide training to employees to become authorized assistants to apply herbicides as specified by the product label.

Inspectors shall:

- Educate property owners on noxious and prohibited noxious weeds and identify areas that qualify for the Fenceline Spraying Program.

Monitoring & Updating

This policy will be reviewed annually.

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