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VM-04 Toadflax 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 small areas of one acre or less of yellow toadflax on private property.

Definitions

- *Control* means to inhibit the growth or spread or destroy.
- *Noxious weed* means a plant designated in accordance with the *Alberta Weed Control Act and Regulation* as a 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*

Toadflax Spraying Standards

Use of only those herbicides registered through the PMRA (Pest Management Regulatory Agency – Health Canada) under the Pest Control Products Act. Leduc County herbicide applications will be performed only by Alberta Environment recognized certified pesticide applicators, authorized assistants, or assistants.

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Policy Responsibilities

1. Council responsibilities

Council shall:

- Approve and promote the Toadflax 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.
- Reduce the growth and spread of yellow toadflax by providing a service to Leduc County property owners to assist with the control of small areas of less than one acre on private property.
- Provide training to employees to become authorized assistants to apply herbicides as specified under the *Alberta Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act and Regulation*.

Inspectors shall:

- Educate property owners on yellow toadflax and identify areas that qualify for the Toadflax Spraying Program.

Monitoring & Updating

This policy will be reviewed annually.

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