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VM-05 Hawkweed 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 five acres or less of hawkweed on private property at a charge calculated to cover the cost of the herbicide product applied.

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.
- Hawkweed includes all species of hawkweed classified under the genus that includes either *Pilosella* or *Hieracium*.
- Prohibited noxious weed means a plant designated in accordance with the *Alberta Weed Control Act and Regulation* 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*

Hawkweed 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 Hawkweed 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.
- Provide training to employees to become authorized assistants to apply herbicides as specified under the *Alberta Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act and Regulation*.
- Assist landowners to identify hawkweed and other prohibited noxious and noxious weeds.

Inspectors shall:

- Educate property owners on hawkweed and identify areas that qualify for the Hawkweed Spraying Program.

Monitoring & Updating:

This policy will be reviewed annually.

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