

Policy

POLICY TITLE: WEED INSPECTION AND CONTROL POLICY

POLICY NO.: AG-63-02

RESOLUTION: 294-22

EFFECTIVE DATE: 2022-09-28

DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: Community Services

NEXT REVIEW DATE: 2023-09-28

POLICY STATEMENT:

The Municipal District of Lesser Slave River No. 124 (Municipal District) will carry out a Weed Inspection and Control Program under the authority of the Weed Control Act and Regulation as amended.

The Weed Control Act and Regulation provides the legislation necessary for the inspection of land and the enforcement of noxious weed control and prohibited noxious weed destruction. All weed inspection and enforcement measures will be according to the *Weed Control Act*, Regulation and this policy

PRINCIPLE:

1.0 OBJECTIVES

- 1.1 Administer, direct and enforce the Weed Control Act and Regulation in an equitable, consistent and effective manner within the financial and human resources constraints of the municipality.
- 1.2 Protect land from the invasion and spread of prohibited noxious and noxious weeds.
- 1.3 Employ public relations, extension and cooperation as the primary role in weed control with enforcement measures being the secondary role and/or a combination of measures.

2.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1 Council:

- 2.1.1 shall appoint inspector(s) to enforce and monitor compliance with the Weed Control Act and Regulation within the municipality;
- 2.1.2 shall annually appoint an independent appeal committee/panel; and
- 2.1.3 may make bylaws according to the Weed Control Act and Regulation.

2.2 Agricultural Fieldman:

- 2.2.1 is the municipal inspector under the *Weed Control Act* and Regulation;
- 2.2.2 will act in accordance with this policy and the *Weed Control Act* and Regulation;
- 2.2.3 will supervise, direct and be responsible for the other appointed Inspectors;
- 2.2.4 will provide appointed inspectors with identification in the form required by the *Weed Control Act* and Regulation; and
- 2.2.5 must follow through to the conclusion of any Inspector's Notice that is issued.

3.0 STATEMENT ON ENFORCEMENT

- 3.1 The Agricultural Fieldman and/or appointed Inspectors may undertake enforcement measures (issuance of Inspector's Notice) for noxious weed control.
- 3.2 The Agricultural Fieldman and/or appointed Inspectors shall undertake enforcement measures (issuance of Inspector's Notice) for prohibited noxious weed destruction.
- 3.3 Enforcement (non-compliance) of an issued Inspector's Notice will be carried out utilizing agricultural best management practices.
- 3.4 Costs incurred for enforcement (non-compliance) of an issued Inspector's Notice will be recovered via a Debt Recovery Notice.
- 3.5 A \$300 Administrative fee will be added to each Debt Recovery Notice.

_____"Original Signed"_____
Chief Administrative Officer

Date

September 28, 2022

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SPECIAL NOTES/CROSS-REFERENCE: AG-63-02 – Previous Version J.2

AMENDMENT DATE: -

