MD of LESSER SLAVE RIVER

# Policy

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| **POLICY TITLE: WEED CONTROL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM** | **POLICY NO.: AG-63-08** |
| **RESOLUTION: 299-22** | **EFFECTIVE DATE: 2022-09-28** |
| **DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE: Community Services** | **NEXT REVIEW DATE: Annually** |

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

The Municipal District of Lesser Slave River No.124 (Municipal District) has initiated a Weed Control Partnership Program (WCPP) for the destruction of prohibited noxious weeds and the control of noxious weeds on rangeland, pastureland, hay land, fence lines, rough turf, and other non-crop areas (permanent cover land).

**PRINCIPLE:**

## 1.0 OBJECTIVES

1.1 Partner with landholders through cooperation, extension, demonstration, and rebates for the destruction of prohibited noxious weeds and the control of noxious weeds.

1.2 Stop the spread of prohibited noxious weeds and noxious weeds onto non-infested land.

1.3 Reduce the level of existing noxious weed infestations on permanent cover land.

1.4 Destroy any prohibited noxious weed infestations on permanent cover land.

1.5 Enhance the productivity and longevity of permanent cover lands via weed control.

## 2.0 EXTENSION COMPONENT

2.1 Weed Inspectors will be available for consulting on weed identification and weed control options.

2.2 Extension materials on weed identification and weed control options will be made available to all landholders.

2.3 The ATV sprayers and the trailer sprayer will be available to landholders at no charge for the purposes of this program.

## 3.0 REBATE COMPONENT

3.1 The rebate component budget will be set annually by Council.

3.2 Landholders are eligible for a rebate ($/acre) for destroying prohibited noxious weeds and/or controlling noxious weeds on their permanent cover lands.

3.3 Industrial, commercial, and residential lands are not eligible for the rebate.

3.4 The rebate ($/acre) will be based on a 50/50 (Municipal District/Landholder) cost share formula calculated by using the spring price of Restore II herbicide on a per acre basis (using 10 acres per jug rate) or TruRange herbicide (using 20 acres per jug rate).

3.5 Landholder eligibility is based on the application of Restore II or TruRange herbicide according to the manufacturer's label and recommendations The Agricultural Fieldman may approve the application of Reclaim II and/or Grazon XC as eligible herbicides.

3.6 Weed Inspectors will confirm that the herbicide was applied and the desired level of prohibited noxious weed destruction or noxious weed control was achieved.

3.7 The rebate payment will be calculated using the number of acres of herbicide product that was purchased (confirmed by a copy of the purchase invoice) by the landholder, multiplied by the $/acre rebate number (as calculated in 3.4).

3.8 To be eligible for the rebate program, the copy of the purchase invoice(s) must be in the landholders' name.

3.9 To be eligible for the rebate program, landholders must submit their purchase invoice(s) to the Municipal District by the annual date of October 15th.

3.10 The rebate is processed in the fourth quarter of the year and capped at $1,200 per landholder per year.

3.11 Unused portions of the rebate budget will be used to increase the number of eligible acres for each landholder that has gone above their cap of $1,200.

3.12 A landholder that receives an Inspector's Notice for noxious weeds is ineligible for the rebate.

3.13 A landholder that receives an Inspector's Notice for prohibited noxious weeds is eligible for the rebate if the Inspector's Notice is voluntarily complied with.

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Chief Administrative Officer

_____September 28, 2022_____
Date

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