



# Lesser Slave River

<b>Title:</b>	<b>WOODY SPECIES VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM</b>
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## **POLICY STATEMENT:**

The Municipal District owns, controls, and manages all the developed and semi-developed road allowances within the Municipal District boundaries. The Municipal District standards and requirements for woody species control may be different than that of the adjacent landholder where the two property lines meet (transition zone) and where livestock fences are erected and maintained.

The application of herbicides is an effective tool to manage woody species in this transition zone. However, the herbicide application operation in the transition zone may require the landowner to herbicidally trespass on Municipal District road allowance property to effectively manage the woody species. The herbicide application would be performed from the landowner's property side onto the Municipal District's property side.

The Municipal District is responsible to ensure that the overall management of the road allowance is taken into consideration including existing vegetation, erosion control and environmental concerns such as water courses, sensitive vegetation and adjacent land. As such, a permission to trespass (herbicide) on Municipal District road allowance will be required from a landowner prior to herbicide application.

## **PRINCIPLE:**

### **1.0 OBJECTIVES**

- 1.1 Allow landowners to trespass (herbicides) on municipal road allowances to manage woody species for livestock fence line erection and management.
- 1.2 Ensure that the Municipal District's road allowance objectives are not jeopardized.
- 1.3 Ensure that an inspection, assessment and permission process is in place and adhered to.

## 2.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2.1 The landholder is responsible to contact the Municipal District and gain permission to trespass prior to any herbicide application on municipal road allowances for woody species management.
- 2.2 The Agricultural Fieldman is responsible to inspect and assess each request for herbicide application for woody species management and determine if permission to trespass can be granted.
- 2.3 The Agricultural Fieldman has the right to deny any request for herbicide application for woody species management on a municipal road allowance.
- 2.4 The landholder is responsible to purchase and apply the herbicide at their own cost and time.

## 3.0 SPECIFICATIONS

- 3.1 Woody species include deciduous and/or coniferous woody species.
- 3.2 The management of woody species via herbicides is limited to woody species that are equal to or less than 1.5 meters in height.
- 3.3 Herbicide trespass on a municipal road allowance will be limited to 2 meters or less from the property line.
- 3.4 Herbicide application will be limited to the following criteria:
  - 3.4.1 herbicide must list woody species (deciduous and/or coniferous) on the manufacturer's label;
  - 3.4.2 herbicide must be applied according to the manufacturer's label;
  - 3.4.3 herbicide must be a selective herbicide for the control of broad-leaved plants only; and
  - 3.4.4 the Agricultural Fieldman has the authority to approve or deny any herbicide for woody species management.

  
Chief Administrative Officer

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