



MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW NO. 16

"A Great Place to Live, Work and Play"

Procedure Title: ROADSIDE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

Procedure No: 6302-01

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1. Definitions

- 1.1. Eradicate means "destroy all parts of the plant, and render reproductive parts of the plant non-viable.
- 1.2. Control means "inhibit the growth or spread of the plant.
- 1.3. Noxious Weeds and Prohibited Noxious Weeds are as defined, and include all those weeds identified, under the *Weed Control Act* of Alberta (RSA 2008/W-5.1) and the *Weed Control Regulation (19/2010)*, as amended from time to time. As well, Noxious Weeds and Prohibited Noxious Weeds shall include invasive plant species which have been elevated in status by municipal bylaw.

2. Responsibilities

- 2.1. Manager of Agricultural Services:
 - 2.1.1. Coordinate with other municipal departments to develop and implement a brush control program; however, the Greenview vegetation management program shall have priority over brush control.
 - 2.1.2. To notify the public and beekeepers of the program through advertising.
- 2.2. Vegetation Management Program Staff:
 - 2.2.1. Take active measures to control undesirable vegetation including, but not limited to, woody species and tall broadleaf vegetation, which represents a sightline infringement and potential motorist safety hazard, or which may harbour crop diseases or pests, or which may serve as a wildlife attractant, or which may compromise municipal infrastructure along municipal road rights-of-way.

- 2.2.2. Utilize integrated pest management strategies to control undesirable vegetation; however, selected control methods shall be determined by physiological and biological characteristics of the plants, with due consideration for cost-effectiveness and efficiency of control, and may include the application of industrial class herbicides.
- 2.2.3. Undertake all activities, including herbicide applications, in compliance with the *Alberta Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* Code of Practice for Pesticide Applications, and conform to the guidelines of the *Industrial Vegetation Management Association of Alberta* Industry Standards and Good Practices.
- 2.3. Adjacent Landowners:
 - 2.3.1. May enter into an agreement with Greenview to exempt their properties from herbicide applications for noxious and prohibited noxious weed and/or brush and tall vegetation control.
 - 2.3.2. Upon completion and execution of appropriate documentation, herbicide may be applied up to and into the edge of private land which is adjacent to district road rights-of-way and district controlled lands; however this shall only be permitted if providing this service does not negatively impact the core vegetation management programs of Greenview.

3. General Provisions

- 3.1. This program shall include road rights-of-way and other district controlled lands.
- 3.2. Herbicide applications shall be withdrawn adjacent to land exempted under this procedure, or adjacent to open bodies of water as defined and restricted under the *Alberta Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*.
- 3.3. Herbicide applications adjacent to sensitive areas including residences, dugout, beehives, borrow pits and shelterbelts shall be limited to single stem or handgun spot treatments unless sensitive areas are located at a distance equal to or greater than 100 meters from the road right-of-way, or are protected by natural brush to a distance equal to or greater than 50 meters.

End of Procedure

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