



M. D. OF GREENVIEW NO. 16
POLICY & PROCEDURES MANUAL

Section:
AGRICULTURE

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POLICY TITLE: PEST CONTROL

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PURPOSE:

The Municipal District of Greenview recognizes that a number of organisms, including but not limited to insects, mammals, birds, diseases, viruses, bacterium, fungi, and nematodes, have been declared as pests and/or nuisances under the Agricultural Pests Act of Alberta (RSA 2000 A-8 s2) and these organisms represent a potential threat to agricultural operations within the Municipality. The Municipal District further recognizes that it is beneficial to the Municipality to implement measures to prevent the establishment of and/or to control agricultural pests, and to encourage the control of problematic nuisance species.

POLICY:

1. Agricultural Services personnel will provide information to residents, ratepayers, and stakeholders in appropriate pest prevention and management practices, and will conduct activities to limit the spread of established pest organisms.
2. The Municipal Council will appoint an independent appeal committee at the beginning of each year, to review and render decisions upon appeals submitted.
3. The Municipal Council will appoint the Assistant Manager of Agricultural Services, and other staff recommended by the Agricultural Service Board, as Inspector(s) under the *Agricultural Pests Act*. (The Manager of Agricultural Services is, by virtue of title under the *Agricultural Service Board Act*, automatically appointed as an Inspector under the *Agricultural Pests Act*).
4. The Municipal District will provide appropriate identification to duly appointed Pest Inspectors.
5. The Manager of Agricultural Services and others duly appointed, will serve as Inspectors under the *Agricultural Pests Act*, and will, as authorized by the *Act*, conduct pest inspections and surveillance and will monitor and accurately record pest outbreaks.
6. Inspectors appointed under the *Agricultural Pests Act* will encourage voluntary compliance with the requirements of the *Act* and will, as a last resort, take action and/or impose penalties as required by the *Act*, upon the landowner in the event that declared pests infest public or private lands unabated.
7. An appointed Inspector will issue and enforce such Notices as required by the *Agricultural Pests Act*, when the Inspector is of the opinion that the land, property, or livestock contains, or is likely to contain a pest, or should be protected against a declared pest.
8. The attached "Schedule A" contains a list of organisms declared as pests and/or nuisances under the *Agricultural Pests Act* of Alberta (RSA 2000 A-8 s2) and will be considered part of this Policy.

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Agricultural Pests Act

Pests

2 (1) The following continue to be declared pests throughout Alberta:

- a) Bacterial ring rot (*Clavibacter michiganensis subs. sepedonicus*);
- b) Black leg of canola (the virulent strain) (*Leptosphaeria maculans*);
- c) Columbia River root knot nematode (*Meloidogyne chitwoodi*);
- d) Dutch elm disease (*Ophiostoma ulmi* and *Ophiostoma nova-ulmi*);
- e) Native elm bark beetle (*Hylurgopinus rufipes*);
- f) European elm bark beetle (*Scolytus multistriatus*);
- g) Dwarf bunt (*Tilletia controversa*);
- h) Fireblight and the causal bacterium (*Erwinia amylovora*);
- i) Flag smut of cereals (*Urocystis agropyri*);
- j) Golden nematode (*Globodera rostochiensis*);
- k) Grasshopper (*Locustidae*);
- l) Head smut of corn (*Spacelothecia reiliana*);
- m) Karnal bunt (*Tilletia indica* Mitra);
- n) Norway rat and any other rat species or strain derived from the genus *Rattus*;
- o) Potato wart (*Synchytrium endobioticum*);
- p) Stem and bulb nematode (*Ditylenchus dipsaci*);
- q) Warble fly (*Hypoderma species*);
- r) White rot of onions (*Sclerotium cepivorum* Berk);
- s) Gypsy moth (*Porthetria dispar* L.);
- t) Africanized bee (*Apis mellifera adansonii*)
- u) Lesser grain borer (*Rhyzopertha dominica*)
- v) Rabies (*Rhabdoviruses*)
- w) Fusarium Head Blight (*Fusarium graminearum*)
- x) Chalkbrood (*Ascosphaera aggregate*)
- y) Clubroot of canola (*Plasmodiophora brassicae*)

(2) Wild boar (*Sus scrofa*) is declared to be a pest where it is at large in Alberta.

AR 184/2001 s2;150/2003;56/2007;64/2008

Nuisances**3 (1) The following continue to be declared nuisances throughout Alberta:**

- a) Coyote (*Canis latrans*);
- b) Skunk (*Mephitis mephitis*);
- c) Richardson's ground squirrel (*Spermophilus richardsonii*);
- d) Franklin's ground squirrel (*Spermophilus franklinii*);
- e) Thirteen-lined ground squirrel (*Spermophilus tridecemlineatus*);
- f) Columbian ground squirrel (*Spermophilus columbianus*);
- g) Northern pocket gopher (*Thomomys talpoides*);
- h) Deer mouse (*Peromyscus maniculatus*);
- i) Meadow vole (*Microtus pennsylvanicus*);
- j) House mouse (*Mus musculus*);
- k) Bushy-tailed wood rat (*Neotoma cinerea*);
- l) English sparrow (*Passer domesticus*);
- m) Rock dove (*Columba livia*);
- n) European starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*);
- o) Magpie (*Pica pica*).

(2) A horse (*Equus caballus*) is declared to be a nuisance where it is at large in any of the following wildlife management units, as described in

Schedule 9 to the *Wildlife Regulation* (AR 143/97):

- Wolf River Wildlife Management Unit (340);
- McLeod River Wildlife Management Unit (342);
- Wildhay Wildlife Management Unit (344);
- Shiningbank Wildlife Management Unit (346);
- Coalspur Wildlife Management Unit (438);
- Solomon Wildlife Management Unit (439);
- Adams Creek Wildlife Management Unit (440)