

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF GREENVIEW NO. 16

"A Great Place to Live, Work and Play"

Procedure Title: WEED CONTROL

Procedure No: 6303-01

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1. **Definitions**

1.1. <u>Eradicate</u> means: destroy all parts of the plant, and render reproductive parts of the plant non-viable.

- 1.2. <u>Control</u> 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. Greenview Council to:
- 2.1.1 Appoint the Agricultural Services Supervisor and other weed/pest inspectors as identified under the *Weed Control Act*.
- 2.1.2 Appoint an independent appeal committee at the organizational meeting each year to review and render decisions upon appeals submitted.
- 2.2. Manager of Agricultural Services and Appointed Weed Inspectors to:
- 2.2.1 Serve as Inspectors under the Weed Control Act and shall, as authorized under this Act, conduct weed inspections and surveillance and shall monitor and accurately record weed infestations observed.
- 2.2.2 Encourage voluntary compliance with the requirements of the *Weed Control Act* and shall, as a last resort, take action and/or impose penalties, as required by the noted

Act, upon the landowners or occupants in the event that declared weed species infest public or private lands unabated.

- 2.2.3 Upon confirmation of a noxious weed infestation on private land, the inspector may notify the landowner by way of telephone or personal visit; followed by correspondence; and then enforcement procedures if required.
- 2.2.4 Issue and enforce such Notices as required by the *Weed Control Act* when the Inspector is of the opinion that the property contains Prohibited Noxious weeds and the landowner or occupant is unwilling to take measures to eradicate the infestation.
- 2.2.5 Provide practical advice and technical assistance to residents, ratepayers, and stakeholders in appropriate weed prevention and management practices, and shall conduct activities to prevent establishment and/or limit the spread of declared weeds.
- 2.3 **Human Resources to:**
- 2.3.1 Provide appropriate identification to duly appointed Weed Inspectors.
- 2.4 Registered Landowners and Industrial Lease Holders to:
- 2.4.1 Eradicate all Prohibited Noxious weeds observed on private or public lands during inspections conducted pursuant to this procedure, through cooperation or enforcement.
- 2.4.2 Control all Noxious weeds observed on private or public lands during inspections conducted pursuant to this procedure, through cooperation or enforcement.

End of Procedure

Approved: <u>14.02.102</u>